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Executive Summary

The Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Urban Maglev Workshop was held at FTA Headquarters in Washington, DC, on September 8-9, 2005. The key workshop goals were to review progress, share lessons learned among the grantees, and discuss future direction for the program.

Five competitively selected grantees, including Maglev Urban System Associates (MUSA) (Baltimore, MD), General Atomics (GA of San Diego, CA), MagneMotion, Inc. (Acton, MA), Colorado DOT (CDOT, Denver, CO), and Maglev 2000 (Titusville, FL), as well as the guest presenters of overseas maglev systems (Chuba High Speed Surface Transportation (CHSST) of Japan and Rotem of Korea) presented their project summaries and lessons learned. Old Dominion University (ODU) of Virginia also presented a summary of the American Maglev Technology (AMT) Maglev project.

The FTA Urban Maglev Program (UMP) was subject to the Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) process, in an effort to develop a safe, cost-effective, reliable, and environmentally sound urban transit system, that would also provide an option for relieving roadway congestion. The initial FTA UMP announcement was published in the Federal Register on January 20, 1999. The program goal was to advance the application of low speed magnetic levitation technologies identified to have comparative advantages in urban transit, and to translate the efforts of subsystem research and development (R&D) and a full-size prototype development into deployable technologies and a full-scale demonstration of the integrated system.

TEA-21 provided $5 million annually for low speed maglev from fiscal year (FY) 1998 through FY 2003 and provided a total of $5 million for R&D on low speed superconductivity maglev. Funding for the program through FY 2004 was provided through TEA-21 extensions. Additional funds were earmarked in FY 2004 and FY 2005 for demonstration planning of the maglev system at California University of Pennsylvania (CUP).

During the 2-day workshop, information exchanges and vigorous discussions were held on the direction of the technological improvements, performance requirements, subsystem comparison, and market entry relative to deployment. Key issues identified or addressed during the workshop became suggested topics of discussion for an additional workshop in the near future. FTA also requested feedback from the participants on the following key issues:

- Cost comparison matrix
- Key innovations
- Commercialization
- Obstacles to further deployment and the FTA’s role in overcoming the barriers
- Application to rail transit
- Partnering options
- Comprehensive comparison and subsystem comparison matrix
• Funding
• Obtaining more information from existing systems overseas, including cost data
• Future areas of focus

The workshop achieved its goals, resulting in a number of suggestions on technological improvements and options for the future. The issues identified during the discussions will be the building blocks for a possible future workshop. Meanwhile, shared lessons learned and ideas for improvements and innovations will be beneficial to each team in pursuing the next step.
Morning Session: Thursday, September 8

Opening Remarks

Karen Facen, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Transportation Program Specialist for Office of Research Management

The Low Speed Urban Maglev Workshop opened at 8:30 am (EST). Ms. Karen Facen, the FTA Transportation Program Specialist for the Office of Research Management, greeted the workshop participants and introduced Walter Kulyk, the FTA Director for Office of Mobility Innovation.

Welcome and Introduction

Walter Kulyk, FTA Director for Office of Mobility Innovation

Mr. Walter Kulyk, the FTA Director for Office of Mobility Innovation, welcomed all the participants to the workshop and expressed appreciation to the guest speakers from overseas for sharing their maglev experiences. He encouraged a vigorous exchange of ideas through sharing their maglev project experiences and lessons learned. He emphasized the importance of information sharing and collaborative discussion within an industry team setting to achieve the workshop goals.

Mr. Kulyk laid out the workshop objectives such that the collegial discussions and lessons learned would culminate in potential identification of the appropriate technologies, technological gaps to overcome, near-term issues and strategies, and future directions of the program with respect to funding. Self-introductions followed as each individual provided their name and affiliation (see Appendix B for a list of participants). After an overview of the schedule, Mr. Kulyk asked presenters to provide the latest version of their presentation for the workshop proceedings.

Mr. Kulyk began reviewing the statutory basis of the FTA Urban Maglev Program in chronological order. He started with the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) Reauthorization, which authorizes the FTA to support further development of maglev technologies for potential application in the U.S. mass transit industry. Section 1218 authorized a total of $5 million over the 6-year life of TEA-21 to research and develop low speed super conductive maglev technology. The FTA Urban Maglev Program is subject to the TEA-21 process and has an overall objective to develop maglev technology that is cost-effective, reliable, and environmentally sound, providing transportation options for urban mass transportation in the U.S.

Mr. Kulyk stated the FTA Urban Maglev Program contained in the January 29, 1999 Federal Register Notice had three primary phases: (1) evaluation of the maglev concept; (2) development of the prototype system; and (3) system integration for deployment. The program also includes a research and development (R&D) aspect intended to overcome critical technological gaps, but the emphasis is on deployable technologies with participation by end users. He indicated the
The ultimate goal of the program is to “demonstrate;” however, beyond the prototype, there might not be enough funding available, and the decision on additional funding would be up to Congress.

Mr. Kulyk explained that the maglev program was included in each bill with obligated funding. The emphasis of TEA-21 was on low-speed maglev and its funding carried the program from FY 1998 through FY 2003. The additional funding through FY 2004 was mainly for research and a demonstration of the 4-mile test-track at California University of Pennsylvania (CUP). In FY 2004, FTA obligated $2.5 million to CUP to conduct technology improvements and pre-construction planning for a low-speed maglev system.

Mr. Kulyk called for the participants’ insights into four specific maglev performance requirements:
1. Larger levitation (mechanical) gaps (greater than 10 mm).
2. High peak speeds (faster than 60 mph for both urban and metropolitan application).
3. Steeper gradient negotiation (more than 7 degrees).
4. Tighter curve negotiation (larger than a 62 ft. radius).

Other desirable attributes include powerful propulsion motors, improved linear induction motors (LIM) and linear synchronous motors (LSM), low cost guideways, and alternatives to an electromagnetic system to generate magnetic fields, such as permanent magnets (PM) and superconducting magnets.

Competitively selected maglev program participants were then introduced as follows:

- MagneMotion, Inc, Acton, MA
- General Atomics (GA), San Diego, CA
- Colorado Maglev Project (CDOT), Denver, CO
- Maglev Urban System Associates (MUSA), Baltimore, MD
- Maglev 2000, Titusville, FL

Mr. Kulyk continued with a presentation to summarize each project’s accomplishments by complimenting the team efforts, which “pushed the state of the art.” The highlights of these accomplishments are:

**General Atomics (GA)**
- Demonstrated levitation by electrodynamic principle using permanent magnets in a Halbach arrangement.
- Built a 120 m long active guideway with LSM.
- Built one vehicle chassis with levitation magnets and propulsion coils.
- Carried out a demonstration of propulsion and levitation.

**Colorado Maglev Project (CDOT)**
- Developed cost-effective guideway concepts for downtown and metropolitan environments.
- Advanced the LIM concept.
MagneMotion
- Demonstrated levitation using full-size permanent magnets on a 1/7th scale model (in weight).
- Demonstrated propulsion, guidance, and gap control using permanent magnets and LSM.
- Same magnets are used for guidance and levitation.

Maglev 2000
- Fabricated, in part, a superconducting magnet in the laboratory for a levitation demonstration.

Maglev Urban System Associates (MUSA)
- Evaluated viability of Japanese low speed maglev (Chuba High Speed Surface Transportation (CHSST)) system for use in the U.S.

Mr. Kulyk also added Sandia National Laboratories’ achievement of concept development of an advanced induction motor, resulting in greater LIM efficiency.

To set the tone for the discussion, Mr. Kulyk described what would comprise desirable workshop outcomes. As the closeout of the project’s first R&D phase nears, the FTA may select possible options for pursuit in the near future. Based on the result of the workshop discussions, near-term proposed activities will be identified. Complete testing at General Atomics is anticipated, and another workshop will be planned. Lessons learned on subsystems may contribute not only to maglev, but also to existing urban transit systems. With an emphasis on the “spirit of collegiality,” he then turned the floor over to Dr. Richard Thornton, CEO of MagneMotion.
**MagneMotion Maglev System**

*Richard Thornton, Ph.D., CEO  
Todd Webber, President*

Dr. Richard Thornton made a presentation summarizing the MagneMotion Maglev (M3) system and its operational aspects, also highlighting major accomplishments. MagneMotion chose Electromagnetic Suspension (EMS) using permanent magnets and coils for levitation and LSM propulsion with guideway-based control and power regeneration. The individual vehicles can be small and light, carrying up to 20 people. Box beam guideways were identified to be suitable for the vehicle weight and speed. Detailed specifications and descriptions of the levitation, propulsion, guidance, communication, control system, and performance were also presented with charts and simulations. MagneMotion CEO Todd Webber then made a video presentation of their 1/7th scale model demonstration in the laboratory.

The MagneMotion team, which includes EarthTech and TPI Composites, took a system approach to design a cost-effective maglev system for urban applications, and built key pieces of hardware to demonstrate the design. The design was based on system level tradeoff studies.

According to Dr. Thornton, test results indicated their maglev system has better performance than the existing maglev systems. He cited MagneMotion’s achievements of having obtained larger magnetic gap (20 mm), a higher acceleration/deceleration rate (2 m/s²), and small headways (less than 30 s). The system cost estimates and energy usage in comparison to other comparable modes of transportation were also presented. The MagneMotion team emphasized the maglev’s advantages and suitability to an urban transit system. Dr. Thornton shared their lessons learned and future plans to implement the full-size model and demonstration. MagneMotion’s future plans include building a 33 m indoor test track which would allow for further testing of the system with speed capabilities up to 10 m/s. The follow-on phase would consist of an outdoor track of approximately 200 m with a switch and two vehicles.

**Discussion, Q & A Session**

Mr. Kulyk facilitated the Q & A and discussion session. He reiterated the importance of exchanging information and experiences among teams and laid out six questions essential to the goals of this workshop. He also called upon each presenter to include the answers to these questions in their presentation, and potentially extend the issues to further discussion items. The following are Mr. Kulyk’s questions and the responses from MagneMotion.

**Q1. How do you compare the system cost to existing (traditional) systems?**

**A1. By Dr. Thornton**

The system cost was compared to the existing Oakland Airport Connector, which cost approximately $100 million/mile. Reduction in MagneMotion’s system cost was achieved mainly by using a light-weight vehicle and through their guideway design.
Q2. What is the key innovation?

A2. By Dr. Thornton and Mr. Webber
MagneMotion’s achievements included the permanent magnet (PM) EMS system that increases the levitation gap and thus relaxes guideway tolerance; and improvement of LSM propulsion and its major attributes, such as the control system, cost, manufacturing, and design control of clustered small modular vehicles, which also contributed to higher capacity. One of the key innovations was applying a systems approach to the design, especially with the effective use of Computer-Aided Design (CAD) design tools. The key to LSM efficiency is the position sensing technology; improving the position sensing technology will not only benefit maglev, but other transit systems as well.

Q3. How close is the project to commercialization?

A3. By Dr. Thornton and Mr. Webber
MagneMotion is ready for commercialization, but there is some skepticism about the market readiness. Eliminating the technical risks is the key, but actualization requires funding, and the shortage of funding may impose some obstacles.

Q4. What is the next step?

A4. By Dr. Thornton and Mr. Webber
Short-term plans include construction of an indoor full-size test track and a short vehicle (12-passenger size) within a 12-month timeframe. The advantages of the U.S. maglev system and its potential for deploying leading technology around the world were emphasized.

Q5. What particular application can be utilized in the existing system?

A5. By Dr. Thornton
LSM technology will achieve better performance in steep terrain. Position sensing technology is essential in any transit system.

Q6. Are you willing to partner with others?

A6. By Dr. Thornton and Mr. Webber
MagneMotion has already formed teams with various companies providing technological and systems solutions. The FTA maglev team is composed of diverse groups with fundamentally different design bases, but MagneMotion can contribute to their concerted efforts. A small team containing members with targeted technology will be more effective than a big team approach.

Additional comments by MagneMotion included:
- Reduced headway for increased capacity may call for safety precautions at crowded stations.
- A wraparound design for a small guideway is the determining factor in cost efficiency.
- LSM is suitable for light rail applications.
• Smaller vehicle clearance areas for tunnels in comparison to existing rail systems were pointed out.
• Using different comparison bases for low-speed versus high-speed maglev was suggested.
• Clarification of the share of the vertical force created by PM was requested (which is 100 percent). The lateral versus vertical force ratio is 40 percent.
General Atomics (GA) Maglev System

Sam Gurol, Ph. D., Program Manager

Dr. Sam Gurol made a presentation on the GA Maglev System’s project history, the composition of the GA Team, system specifications, and performance attributes. GA selected Electrodynamic Suspension (EDS) with PM in a Halbach array for levitation, LSM for propulsion, and a lightweight vehicle for cost considerations. A hybrid girder with laminated guideway is part of the system design. Laminated track is also potentially cheaper to manufacture, and adjustable to alignment requirements. He introduced their collaborative effort with CUP and an existing alignment chosen for the initial deployment. Test results of the full-scale 120 m test track built at grade were also presented.

Citing the 80-page document of systems requirements, Dr. Gurol highlighted some of the key system performance measures and safety features in the communication and control system. He noted the importance of accounting for the local terrain (grade) and severe weather in the system design due to the demonstration site-specific requirements. The system cost estimates included hypothetical engineering, construction, and commissioning costs.

GA’s major achievements and innovations are as follows:

- Developed a passive PM levitation and propulsion system based on a Halbach array configuration.
- Built a 120 m test track.
- Built a full-scale, lightweight vehicle chassis with modular construction.
- Developed levitation system with fail-safe on power failure.
- Developed low lift-off speed EDS system.
- Implemented inductive housekeeping power pick-up.
- Utilized high strength fiber-reinforced advanced concrete.
- Utilized an Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT)-based variable frequency inverter.
- Eliminated the shielding equipment, so that magnetic field levels in the passenger compartment are below the 1 Gauss level (for comparison, the Earth’s ambient magnetic field is about 0.5 Gauss).
- Achieved acceleration of 1.6 m/s² for exhibit.
- Achieved large air gap (25 mm) operation.
- Received R&D 100 award for one of the leading technology developments for 2004.

The vehicle control system was identified to be a weakness and required more research and development. He emphasized the team concept with a focus on deployment and laid out the future plan. GA plans to continue test runs, build a second chassis, deploy a block switch, build hybrid girders, and improve inductive housekeeping power pickup.

Dr. Gurol added that LSM and the system control technology could be applicable to conventional wheeled mass transportation systems. The guideway design has an advantage of utilizing existing right-of-way. Inductive housekeeping power pick-up can be adapted to a conventional system and will be valuable in emergency scenarios and for safety purposes. He
concluded their system is not ready for commercialization, and the current emphasis is on building a test system for verification and improvement of the system.

**Discussion, Q & A Session**

Participants then began asking questions, and the discussion flowed into the details and issues of the system’s performance. Following are the main discussion items captured during the Q & A and discussion session.

- No thermal effect (heat-up) was detected during the PM performance test in ambient temperature. The thermal sensor behaved “exactly the way it was predicted.” (Gurol) The test did not go over ambient temperature.
- Rust can be fatal to the Niobium-Iron-Boron (NIB) PM and make it friable, and due to thermal cycling (external temperature, or eddy current heating) to 80 degrees Celsius, it may be demagnetized. However, GA’s system uses encapsulated robust magnets, and thus is protected from environmental degradation.
- EDS may give rise to dynamic instability. There was an opinion on LSM’s superior performance, but it was at too early a stage to reach a conclusion. Damping and suspension is the area that needs more research and testing.
- The ratio of car body weight to the chassis is 80 percent.
- A question was raised on the 20 second switching time being realistic or not for a short distance between stations. The GA model uses switching only to move to a yard or maintenance facility.
- In cases of magnet replacement, non-magnetic tools must be used. The maglev project also created an opportunity for tooling innovation. GA’s modular vehicle design allows taking a chassis off-line for easier fault inspection and maintenance.
- A hybrid track with adjustability built in allows fine-tuning should undesired oscillations occur during vehicle movements.
- LSM can achieve higher steep negotiation than one of the performance goals of 7 percent, but the question was raised on the effect of 7 percent or higher grade on the ride comfort.
- In response to a question on the critical lessons learned, GA “would have or should have” focused on control systems earlier because the improvement of the control system took longer than expected.
California University of Pennsylvania (CUP) Maglev Demonstration System

Allan Golden, Ph.D., Vice President for Administration and Finance
California University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Allen Golden provided a presentation on the CUP proposed maglev project, which would serve a needed transportation function both on campus and for local events. Dr. Golden started with the history and background of the maglev project, including funding information. He showed the alignment and the candidate sites with some artist renderings of the maglev system at its completion.

Dr. Golden explained that the site-specific system performance requirements, such as all-weather operation, grade negotiation (7 percent), quiet operation, tight turning capabilities, and low operation and maintenance cost, turned out to be good demonstration items for maglev capability and suitability. He emphasized the significance of the maglev project, the goal of which is to (1) serve a needed transportation function for the campus and the Borough of California; (2) provide an area of R&D in academia, a learning environment, and lead to new curricula in technology, business, marketing, and economic studies; and (3) create an opportunity for economic development in the western Pennsylvania region. He concluded by stating that the project maintained viability through the partnership with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and emphasized the importance of timely funding.

Discussion, Q & A Session

Dr. Golden then invited the participants to take part in a Q & A and discussion session. Some clarifications were requested on the technical and system specifications, but the focus of the discussion was mainly on operational and maintenance aspects. Safety certification was identified to be one of the key issues of deployment. The rest of the questions were on project financing, environmental impact, and power supply venues. Some of the major points raised were as follows:

- The CUP maglev system comprises 3-vehicles (each 13 m long) with a capacity of 100 passengers, on a dual track system.
- $40 million state budget funding is to be designated for the California University of Pennsylvania Shuttle System (CUPSS) cost share. Large funding gaps were pointed out (estimated total project cost of $180M), and PennDOT expressed concerns on the funding shortage, especially for the final Phase 3.
- Contacts have been made with local power companies for power supply at stations.
- The maglev system design takes the local climate, including the strong wind load, into consideration. The design specification of lateral stability is 100 mph.
- No significant environmental impacts were identified, and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was filed at the planning stage.
- Certification of safety is required and mandated by FTA before system deployment.
- The project seeks partnership because of limited federal funding.
- The maglev project at CUP is under public domain.
Afternoon Session: Thursday, September 8

Colorado Maglev Project

Gopal Samavedam, Ph.D., Group Director, Foster-Miller Inc.

Dr. Gopal Samavedam opened the afternoon session by presenting the Colorado Maglev Project summary on behalf of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) team. The project identified an existing 140-mile alignment along with Interstate 70 to connect Denver International Airport (DIA) and Eagle County Airport. CDOT has also been examining other modes of transport such as bus, road widening, and light rail options. The maglev system is also expected to provide roadway congestion mitigation and better performance in harsh winter weather.

Dr. Samavedam stressed that the Colorado maglev team’s focus was on deployability, and that cost determined system viability. Technological and systems innovations and solutions were achieved though collaboration among and contributions from the team members, which include CDOT, Sandia National Laboratory, CHSST, Maglev Transit Group (MTG), and other small companies.

The CDOT team selected Japan’s CHSST as baseline and examined its applicability to the Colorado project. The High Speed Surface Transportation (HSST)-200 vehicle had been designed for 200 kph (120 mph) operation on shallow grade, and so is more suitable for the higher speed, inter-urban route of the CDOT maglev. The system has a LIM for propulsion. The vehicle configuration is train-type, modeled after HSST 200. A 6 mm mechanical gap and an 8 mm magnetic gap were obtained by using ferromagnetic materials for levitation and electromagnets for guidance.

He addressed the cost issues directly, indicating that guideways typically account for 60 percent of the system cost, and introduced two variations of the “cost-effective” guideway configurations: Precast Concrete U-Girder and Tubular Steel Space Truss. The visual impacts were also considered in addition to the cost. The cost-effective guideway concepts and advanced liner induction motor concepts are the major accomplishments to date. The CDOT system is not yet ready for deployment, but the alignment has already been identified.

Dr. Samavedam also presented research results on calculated performance of 208 kW COL-200 LIM with improvement options, and unit (USD per mile) cost comparisons of the LIM-driven maglev to the existing Transrapid Systems around the world. There were some questions on the basis of the unit cost comparison, and Dr. Samavedam will follow-up on the issues with more clarifications from Sandia National Laboratory, who conducted the cost analyses.

Discussion, Q & A Session

An enthusiastic exchange of information and ideas ensued on the comparison matrix of LIM and LSM systems. The key issue addressed during the discussion was “how do we determine the
best system (core technology)?” Maglev systems overseas presented a view of “total system comparison” rather than looking at a subsystem. There was a suggestion on differentiating the Colorado maglev application from a low speed urban transit application. The following are some of the main discussion points:

- There was discussion on how to compare the energy efficiency of an LSM versus LIM for urban maglev applications. The energy efficiency in LSM is up to 90 percent, and for LIM the maximum energy efficiency is 70 percent. There are major differences between the two propulsion systems.
- The issue of cost effectiveness for the LSM option has not been solved.
- Selection of the “Best available technology” (BAT) is driven by the customer (customers are interested in operational and maintenance (i.e., cost) aspects of the system).
- Sandia’s system comparison table on slide 21 raised validity questions.
- A total system comparison including construction, operation, and maintenance, is a more realistic approach. For example, energy efficiency (consumption rate) in Tobu Kyuryo Line (TKL) is 20 to 30 percent worse than the conventional rail system. The energy consumption cost accounts for 5 percent of the total operation cost, but its [LIM] advantage in comparison to the conventional systems is in maintenance cost. There is no need to touch the rail at all.
- LIM could be more expensive when it is applied to a high-speed system (over 100 mph).
- Clarification on guidance system cost was requested.
- CDOT’s system is a “suburban” application with higher speed.
- Cost reduction in guideway construction was discussed – using innovative materials, applying innovative design, no earthquake proofing, cost for civil work component, etc.
- Vehicle clearance area for tunnel was discussed, which is better than the conventional rail system.
- Clarification of the improvement cost on the CHSST-200 was requested.
- A view was presented that cost efficiency comes with length of application (i.e., the alignment’s distance, and over time).
- Unit cost comparison of $50 million/mile for the CDOT guideways shows the CDOT system’s competitiveness. Cost for the land is not included.
- One of the long-term options to improve the CHSST LIM is to achieve a higher thrust, for higher speeds.

Dr. Samavedam also mentioned that a list of reports on the Colorado Maglev Project are posted on the FTA Web site.
Maglev 2000

James Powell, Ph.D., Co-Founder of Maglev 2000

Dr. James Powell made a presentation on the Maglev 2000 project. The Maglev 2000 team selected EDS, and LSM for propulsion and braking. Their concept uses levitation from quadruple superconducting magnets (SCM) inducing currents in aluminum guideway loops. Wireless and fiber optic systems are used for safety surveillance. The system is expected to produce vertical and horizontal vehicle stability with 4-inch gap levitation; Dr. Powell pointed out that the large gap would be suitable for mitigating settlement problems on guideways.

The Maglev 2000 vehicle travels on elevated narrow beam and planar guideways. A planar guideway is a flat surface guideway. Dr. Powell explained that their system design would serve as a transportation method for both people and freight. Maglev 2000 would contribute to intercity congestion mitigation.

Major accomplishments and key innovations by Maglev 2000 include:

- Fabrication of four full-scale superconducting quadruple magnets and cryostats that enable traveling on narrow beam and planar guideways and very low magnetic fringe fields.
- Fabrication of a full-size reinforced concrete box beam used for guideways, at acceptable cost.
- Fabrication of full-size prototype aluminum guideway loops encapsulated in polymer concrete, at acceptable cost.
- Fabrication of a full-size vehicle aluminum undercarriage and wooden “fuselage.”
- Used conventional low-temperature NbTi SCM cooled to 4 degrees Kelvin with liquid helium, using cryostats.
- Designed the guideway for mass production and prefabrication, which will save construction time and cost.
- Design of an electronic high-speed switch to off-line stations at high speeds.
- Transport capability (carrying capacity of 3000 ton or 150,000 people)
- Using existing railroad tracks for Maglev 2000’s Maglev Emplacement on Railroad Infrastructure (MERRI) Maglev service

The Maglev 2000 team used an aggregate component cost approach to estimate the total cost of major subsystems. A detailed cost estimate (3-digit level) was developed for the system components at each fabrication step. The major subsystem cost was derived from the aggregated component costs. The cost estimate was based on the premise of construction on a flat surface. Dr. Powell noted that more improvements to the cooling system were required. The Maglev 2000 team plans to fabricate magnets using high temperature superconductors and demonstrate levitation of the full vehicle at zero speed. He stressed the importance of funding for the continuation of the project.

Dr. Powell noted that the conditions under which maglev operates will be different in the future by pointing out the projected increase in travel demand, demand for a faster mode of intercity
transportation, shortage of petroleum-based fuels, increases in the price of petroleum-based fuels, and the necessity of using cleaner energy sources. He concluded his presentation by emphasizing the advantages in a maglev system that would provide some solutions to the constraints of the future.

**Discussion, Q & A Session**

At the conclusion of Dr. Powell’s presentation, workshop participants asked questions about the cost matrix, system characteristics—particularly on cooling systems—and performance issues such as pitch and the dumping control. The discussion flowed into the market aspects of Maglev 2000 system deployment. Mr. Kulyk suggested a follow-up on the maintenance cost comparison by looking at the existing Shanghai and CHSST systems, although Shanghai might be a fundamentally different system.

The following are additional comments by Maglev 2000.

- 300 m radius negotiation is achieved by fixed magnet pods.
- The EDS system’s weakness is in its lack of damping control, but an improvement is underway.
- The Japanese system has experienced vibration at 5 Hertz, but no significant problem was observed.
- The ideal solution is the future superconducting maglev system using high temperature superconductor (HTS) materials.
- The adoption of HTS materials is promising, but the development will take time.
- The Maglev 2000 superconducting magnet has an aluminum shield to protect it from quenching.
- An 8-shaped coil system with aluminum is cheaper than an 8-shaped coil system with copper wiring.
- Market, industry, and business enhancements hold the key to maglev application.
Maglev Urban System Associates (MUSA) Project

Pierre Brunet, EarthTech

Pierre Brunet of EarthTech made the last presentation on the MUSA maglev project. The MUSA team members include EarthTech, CHSST, and Kimberly-Horn. MUSA investigated the adaptability of the Japanese low speed maglev technology (CHSST) system that has been tested and commercially operated. The vehicle chosen was CHSST 100, with EMS for levitation and guidance and LIM for propulsion. The MUSA team determined that the maglev system was suitable for urban transit application. Drawing upon comparisons of technical specifications and performance criteria, the team made recommendations to modify the CHSST system to meet applicable U.S. standards.

Mr. Brunet gave a brief overview of the history of the CHSST project, system specifications, and principal mechanisms of the major subsystem. Performance data to date, indicative of the system’s low maintenance requirements, were also presented. Mr. Brunet provided the group with a more detailed explanation of the guideway structure and its civil works element. Appropriate switching and headway intervals were discussed during the presentation.

Mr. Brunet then went on to introduce a CHSST-maglev deployment plan for Bethesda Transit. A maglev system based on the modification and upgrading of the CHSST 100 has been proposed to link the Montgomery Mall to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority’s (WMATA) Grosvenor Street metrorail station. The plan also contains two intermediate stations for local employment centers. Based on the alignment and the local demographic and employment characteristics, capacity estimates and operational specifications were introduced. Analyses of the total cost and the unit cost (per mile) were also presented.

Mr. Brunet identified the implementation of needed changes as future tasks to meet U.S. requirements, provide a revenue-generating environment, verify and refine capital and operation cost estimates, and further analyze the Tobu Kuryo Line (TKL) operation.

Discussion, Q & A Session

The following are Mr. Brunet’s answers to workshop attendees’ questions:

- Montgomery County, MD, is interested at a funding level of approximately $50 million/mile. This is less costly than the conventional metrorail system ($80 million/mile above ground).
- The cost comparison for the proposed maglev system was made to an existing light rail system in Baltimore, and management and administrative costs were factored in.
- Safety certification requirements are expected to be higher than light rail.
- A list of certification items needs to be developed.
- MUSA looks for an urban application of the CHSST maglev (versus CDOT’s proposed suburban application).
• Heating, cooling, and ventilation must comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.
First Day Wrap-up

Walter Kulyk, FTA Director for Office of Mobility Innovation

Mr. Kulyk closed the first-day proceedings by thanking the workshop participants for their presentations, comments, ideas, and contributions. The questions and comments from the participants highlighted some key issues for U.S. maglev transit applications, and Mr. Kulyk suggested further examination of these issues with presentations of maglev experiences in foreign countries slated for the next day.
Morning Session: Friday, September 9

Day in Review

*Walter Kulyk, FTA Director for Office of Mobility Innovation*

Mr. Kulyk opened the session with a recap of the workshop objectives: (1) How do we get to the next step? (2) What is the federal role in promoting maglev efforts? and (3) What is the next step with respect to a specific timeframe? He set the stage for the morning session by reviewing the purpose of the session, which was to look at examples in other countries in an effort to further refine the strategy for a U.S. maglev application and deployment. He then introduced the guest speakers: Mr. Michio Takahashi from CHSST, Japan, and Dr. Peter Gaede and Dr. Ryong-kyu Lim from Rotem, Korea.
The First Commercial Application of HSST

Michio Takahashi, Director for Chubu HSST Development Corporation
 HSST Systems International Inc., Japan

Mr. Takahashi gave a presentation on the first commercial application of Japan’s low speed maglev (namely the Tobu Kyuryo Line, TKL Linear Motor Car, or LINIMO) using slides and video. The TKL LINIMO Maglev has been operating successfully since March 2005, as a people mover for the World’s Fair, Aichi Expo 2005, in the Aichi Prefecture near the city of Nagoya. Several alternatives were considered in connecting the Expo site to the existing rail network, but maglev was chosen from among the alternatives because it had met the practical needs of mass transit, had the ability to negotiate the hilly terrain (6 percent) of the alignment, and provided R&D opportunities with local industrial conglomerates (Toyota, etc.). It was also suitable for the environmental theme of the Expo and the high-density residential areas along the alignment.

The LINIMO system utilizes EMS electromagnets for both levitation and guidance on elevated guideways. The short-stator LIM on the vehicle is used for propulsion and braking. The system requires 1500 Volts-Direct Current (VDC), similar to the conventional wheeled electric transit system. It covers 5.6 mi (approximately 9 km) with 9 stations in 15 minutes, and carries 30,000 people per day on average.

The major issue identified so far was overcrowding of the trains and stations by Expo visitors. The vehicle operation is fully automated, but due to safety precautions at the Expo in times of extremely high ridership, an attendant is stationed on board. Six months of operational data supports the low maintenance requirement, on-time performance, and safety record of the LINIMO maglev system. After the Expo, it will remain as a permanent mass transit line at the location.

Discussion, Q & A Session

Workshop participants requested more detailed information on the switching configurations, headway intervals, door opening time, delay and maintenance, funding, cost, and operational budget. The following were summary responses to the questions and comments during the session.

- The LINIMO can negotiate a 7 percent grade and 100 m radius.
- The operational hours are 5:00 a.m. to midnight.
- Two-way and scissor cross-switches are used. A three-way switch is used only at tunnels and to depots.
- The switch configuration enables the existing depots to be utilized by the maglev system.
- Manned control centers will be automated after the Expo (only two will remain open).
- Train configuration is a fixed three-car design. Nine vehicles are in operation and two are kept as backups.
• Vehicles are designed for automated operation, but Japanese railway regulation requires attendants on board for alignments that have tunnel sections.
• Screen doors are installed for safeguarding passengers.
• Of $900 million capital cost, $600 million was spent on the civil work, and the remaining $300 million was used for the systems.
• Construction fees were higher due to nighttime-only construction and earthquake resistant design requirements. Generally, the labor part of the construction cost is high in Japan and it is the major cost factor.
• Terminal to terminal (9 stops) fare is $3.20.
• Budget for operation is $25 million per year. $5 million is allocated for maintenance.
• The system is running successfully with 5-minute headways, and the total delay for the past 6 months is 4.4 hours. Only 15 cases exceeded a 3-minute delay. The main cause of trouble is electromagnetic interference from the vehicle on the signal system.
• The onboard train management system (TMMI) alerts the control system, which makes the decision to allow or withdraw the train for inspection or maintenance.
• It was difficult to expect and predict electrical noise that affects the Variable Voltage-Variable Frequency (VVVF) signal noise. The electromagnetic interference problem is also common in conventional train systems. The major EMS noise source has been identified, and CHSST continues testing to mitigate the interference.
• Currently, 150 personnel are working for the Expo LINIMO maglev operation. Once the Expo concludes, the staffing level will be reduced to one third.
• A 15-minute trip includes going through 9 stations with a 20-second door opening time at the stations, and a 30-second door opening time at the Expo terminal.
• Due to overcrowding, rider complaints have focused on ride comfort.
• 1500 VDC is required for the power supply, which is comparable to the existing systems.
• Speed indicators are on board.
• The LINIMO reached 94 kph maximum speed during a 15-minute trip.
• Currently, attendants are on board and also at terminals for safety and security purposes, but surveillance cameras, videos, and other systems are suggested for crime prevention.
Korean Maglev

Peter Jürgen Gaede, Ph.D., Senior Maglev System Engineer
Rotem, Korea

Dr. Jürgen Gaede presented a summary of the Korean maglev experiences. The prototype of the Korean maglev (HML-03) was in service for 93 days at the Daejeon Expo in 1993, located in the city of Daejeon, about 160 mi south of Seoul. The system is levitated and guided by electromagnets on U-shaped, track-sided rails. Propulsion is made by asynchronous linear motors, and power is controlled by VVVF Inverters. The maglev system is based on the German system and is similar to the HSST system.

After the Daejeon Expo, the model was donated to the government. Rotem, a unit of Hyundai Motor, in conjunction with the state-run Korea Institute of Machinery and Materials (KIMM) and supported by the Ministry of Science & Technology of Korean Government (MOST), has developed and remodeled the original with a view toward commercialization in 2007. The team has conducted a successful test run on a 1.3 km guideway in Daejeon. The test track has 6 percent maximum gradient and a minimum of 60 m curve radius. In 2007, the maglev system will be set up inside the Expo Park for public use, connecting the adjacent science museum. The maglev system will have a top speed of 110 kph, and each vehicle will carry a maximum of 135 passengers.

The government plans to support more than $450 million in funding for the national maglev project, and there is a plan to set up the system between the passenger and cargo terminals of Incheon International Airport. Local authorities of the city of Daejeon, Incheon, and Gwangju have endeavored to introduce the maglev system in their regions.

Dr. Gaede noted that the technological development phase was over. He identified four key issues in commercialization: availability, cost, maintenance, and environmental factors such as noise and emissions. He emphasized the fact that commercialization of the system was largely driven by contract specifications imposed by the clients. Dr. Gaede mentioned the increased interest in Rotem’s maglev technology from not only local markets, but also many Southeast Asian countries, such as Malaysia and Indonesia. He cited the Jakarta case and pointed out the necessity of designing a system suitable to the local situation and requirements.

Discussion, Q & A Session

Some questions were asked on the detailed system configuration. Some proprietary cost information was not shared. The following is a summary of the discussion and Q & A session.

- Two m wide gauge is the same as the regular track configuration, and it is also based on the road configuration.
- Some methods of damping noise, such as using sand, may not be viable due to the safety hazard (corrosion inside).
- The Jakarta system would require 96 cars to meet the high demand in ridership.
• As the total system provider, cost becomes Rotem’s competitive advantage.
• “Profit” is the key target in the Korean maglev model.
• Korean civil work cost is relatively lower, which also contributes to the competitive total cost.
• An acceleration rate of 2 m/s² is easy to obtain in the maglev system, but there was a debate on the maximum acceleration rate with respect to ride comfort versus performance.
• 10 percent grade negotiation is possible, but 7 percent is optimal for a ride comfort.
• Maglev has an advantage in Jakarta due to its ability to negotiate the steep grade. The system’s weather (rainfalls) resistance capability is also an advantage among alternatives.
Old Dominion University (ODU) Maglev Effort, Progress, and Goals

Thomas Alberts, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Aerospace Engineering
Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia

Dr. Thomas Alberts gave the final presentation for the maglev projects. Dr. Alberts briefly summarized the history of the ODU maglev people mover project, and provided the participants with performance and simulation test results. American Maglev Technology, Inc. (MTA) of Tampa, FL, donated the maglev system and ODU has acted as the host for the project. It was intended to provide a functional transportation system on campus and serve as a research opportunity.

The system is similar to the Orlando Airport People Mover, and is composed of a single vehicle (45 ft long) with a carrying capacity of 100 passengers. Maximum speed is 40 mph on a 3400 ft. track, and the elevated guideway spans 90 ft. The small gap EMS system is levitated by conventional electromagnets. Stabilization uses a centralized approach at a bogie level. The test results indicated that key improvements are required in levitation control stability, guideway rigidity, and ride quality suspension. A test bogie was built and tested.

Future plans include a full-scale test of the car. Dr. Alberts explained a potential vulnerability in continuing the project because of the funding situation. He called for a partnership by emphasizing that ODU offers an excellent test bed for maglev projects with the existing maglev facilities, laboratory, and research capabilities.

Discussion, Q & A Session

Questions were mainly asked about the test results. The following is a summary of the discussion and answers provided by ODU.

- American Maglev Technology (AMT) and Lockheed Martin are no longer associated with the project. They built the system and turned it over to ODU.
- A flexible guideway concept is one of the ODU’s accomplishments.
- The magnitude of guideway and vehicle resonant oscillation depends on the gap.
- Test rig model verification showed the correlation of vehicle amplitude and location with frequency (Hz).
- Flux sensing will be suitable for improving the gap-dependent control system.
- Moving vehicle simulations are needed.
- The system needs an active control, and a whole system approach will be necessary.
Summary, Lessons Learned, and Benefits to Transit

Gopal Samavedam, Ph.D., Maglev Project Group Director
Foster-Miller, Inc.

Dr. Gopal Samavedam summarized the presentations and then moved on to a brief discussion on the key issues. The participants expressed consensus on maglev’s comparative and competitive advantages, but further research and testing were suggested in determining what the best technologies and optimal performance goals should be.

He briefly summarized each team’s accomplishments, the lessons learned, and the issues identified during the workshop. Key performance standards were also revisited. Benefits of maglev development to the transit industry include reduced travel time, steep gradient negotiation capability, and significantly improved ride comfort. Reduced noise and maintenance, use of cleaner energy (compared to diesel), and energy efficiency that will be reflected in the total cost were identified as advantages in the maglev systems.

Due to time constraints, Dr. Samavedam moved on to the final discussion and Q&A session.

Discussion, Q & A Session

Discussion led by Walter Kulyk, FTA Director for Office of Mobility Innovation

Mr. Kulyk led a group discussion, after reviewing the program goals and providing current funding information. Feedback concerning the workshop outcome was requested. He encouraged a “U.S. Maglev Team” approach to further enhance American maglev system deployment. He asked each team to provide a brief statement of their plans and visions for the next step. The following is a summary of the remarks from each team.

MagneMotion

Dr. Thornton, in response to Mr. Kulyk’s question, stated that maglev is the key answer to transit and the transportation industry of tomorrow. The U.S. should pursue a next generation, “Generation 3” maglev system. The maglev system that MagneMotion has developed meets all the specifications, such as having a levitation gap larger than 10 mm. Safety specifications need to be provided by the government, and the MagneMotion team will meet the requirements. Dr. Thornton emphasized the importance of funding the project that will enable the next-generation U.S. maglev system.

Mr. Webber added that a partnership should be sought “where [the] market is asking [for it].” Deployment of a maglev system involves a commerce and commercialization potential far beyond the U.S. market. Large corporations may hold the key to commercialization.
General Atomics

Dr. Gurol first expressed his gratitude to Mr. Kulyk and other participants for the workshop opportunities and contributions. He believes that maglev is a form of transportation that will benefit society and make a difference due to its quiet operation, speed to cover distance, and ability to negotiate steep terrain. The GA and CUP team will realize a full-scale demonstration, and Dr. Gurol emphasized that the scarce resources should follow the demonstrations.

California University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Golden highlighted the importance of the economic development resulting from a successfully implemented maglev system as well as the maglev project’s ability to meet a transportation need at CUP.

Colorado Maglev Project

Dr. Samavedam also emphasized the maglev system as being a useful and suitable transit system for connecting the Denver Airport to downtown. A small maglev segment between DIA and downtown will provide a useful demonstration site to build confidence in maglev transportation.

Maglev 2000

Dr. Powell cited as an example of funding, the hydrogen fuel and infrastructure initiative, that have been made available due to the government, industry, and public perception of hydrogen fuel being a desirable future solution. Unfortunately, a similar case was not established for maglev system development, partly because it is not perceived as the long-term solution for urban transit. Dr. Powell compared the funding levels of air transportation R&D to those for maglev R&D, and stated that the maglev deserves a much better image as a potential major player in the whole transportation scenario in the U.S.

Maglev Urban System Associates

Mr. Brunet envisioned that a value-added project could be done in the U.S. that would generate jobs and other positive economic effects, and on behalf of the MUSA team, he would continue making improvements to the international application. Mr. Brunet indicated that EarthTech could take up studies for non-proprietary portions that would benefit the entire maglev team. He identified the research gaps, technical and non-technical, that need to be studied including guideway costs, the optimal design for switches, and some common elements for all the maglev systems, such as having a common guideway design. Dr. Aviva Brecher added that comparisons of Automated People Mover (APM) and communications-based train control standards and guidelines for Electromagnetic Interference and Compatibility, and for human exposure safety to electromagnetic fields and radiation, also needed to be looked at.
Mr. Takahashi first expressed his appreciation for being invited to the workshop, and stated, “we [who had been engaged in maglev projects around the world] all ride in the same boat, and we can learn from each other’s experiences.” He still was not sure whether the definition of “Urban Maglev” could include systems whose speed is greater than 100 kph. HSST maglev is an urban application and cannot be directly applied to a high-speed system.

In general, the government has strict rules in advancing new technologies to commercial application, and the government needs to be involved in the verification process of maglev technologies. He cited the High Speed HSST Maglev project and noted that verification of the HSST 100 model was made, but the government made strict rules for revising and transferring technologies to a new system.

Mr. Takahashi concluded his remarks by suggesting a review of existing standards such as ATM requirements and specifying “Standards of Maglev” in general would be a key step. A jointly developed evaluation team will be beneficial to the national maglev project as well.

Dr. Gordon T. Danby, a co-founder of Maglev 2000, added a comment to Mr. Takahashi’s remark that patent aspects of potential “American HSST” and a potential of partnering should also be considered. Business costs and other cost information from the HSST experience would be beneficial.

Dr. Ryoung-Kyu Lim of Rotem responded to Mr. Kulyk’s last comment, and noted that Rotem is a total system provider and it sees its future in both conventional rail and maglev systems. Dr. Lim, on behalf of Rotem, expressed his willingness to share knowledge and experiences.

Dr. Alberts presented ODU’s view that they are at the point where a decision must be made of what to do with the existing facilities for the maglev research. The university would like to utilize the facility for the return of the $7 million investment from the state’s fund. The advancement of the maglev project will be beneficial to future transportation needs on campus as well as providing educational opportunities. He suggested ODU would be a great resource for maglev projects by welcoming collaboration, proposals, and any other ideas from the teams.

At this time, Mr. Venkat Pindiprolu, Office of Mobility Innovation, FTA, also presented his account of the maglev R&D phase; that it had brought about communal understanding of the problems and that each team had responded with different solutions. He emphasized that what is now needed is concentration on what the maglev system could satisfy in terms of public transportation needs, such as bus, light rail, APM, or creating a new niche. Mr. Pindiprolu mentioned an example of the Pennsylvania maglev development case that promoted a regional rail system and noted that a niche needs to be found that is ready to be used by customers. He
believes that one of the strategies to promote maglev systems in the U.S. is to have one successful maglev application, and then “[other applications of the technology and the commercialization] will follow.”
Next Steps in Urban Maglev Program

Walter Kulyk, FTA Director for Office of Mobility Innovation

Mr. Kulyk led the final session with the FTA maglev team. He summarized the issues highlighted and captured during the 2-day workshop. He recast these issues as questions for the participants and requested written answers. The next workshop will be planned based upon the feedback from the participants. The questions Mr. Kulyk posed were as follows:

1. Cost comparison: A need for developing a standardized cost comparison matrix was identified during the workshop. FTA has cost reference materials on a benchmark section on a hypothetical route, but there were some concerns that each maglev application with different specifications would be hard to put on the same horizon. Cost of a light rail system, for example, might be better suited for comparison. Some of the cost matrices considered are: What should be the individual components that make up the overall cost comparison? Is there one metric, such as cost passenger (seat) per mile, operating cost/passenger, or other? Can all grantees provide these estimates?

2. Key innovations: What makes something a key innovation? What patents have been registered? What key innovations should the FTA Maglev Program claim?

3. Close to commercialization: How close are maglev systems to commercialization? What is the best way to present maglev systems to potential users? What are their areas of interest? What is the best way to publicize maglev?

4. Next steps: What obstacles to further development/deployment do you see, and how can FTA affect them?

5. Application to rail transit: What aspects of maglev are applicable to general rail transit?

6. Willing to partner: Have you seen anything in the past two days that could be utilized to make your approach better?

7. LIM vs. LSM: How do you create and articulate a fair and comprehensive comparison of these concepts? The question on how to compare the proven maglev technologies versus the leading edge was also asked.

8. Should FTA sponsor/commission collaborative studies with a follow-up workshop for vetting? Possible issues: LIM vs. LSM; power transfer; damping mechanisms; and cost comparisons. Switch design configuration will also be a topic.

9. U.S. national labs have research funding for maglev. What could they be asked to do that would benefit the FTA Maglev Program? Invitations to corporate interests were also suggested.
10. Shanghai Maglev has identified needed improvements to the Transrapid system. Would their (and other) lessons learned be helpful to the FTA program?

11. Should FTA Urban Maglev focus on a short shuttle people mover; for example, in an airport as an airport to parking connector?

12. What are practical constraints on very short headways?

13. Is there value or usefulness to partial implementations? (e.g., LIM/LSM rail transit; levitated cable-drawn people mover.)

14. What are annual operating costs of CHSST and Rotem Test and Development centers?

15. How could FTA promote technology neutral RFPs for transit systems/lines?

16. Can we identify an objective technology readiness methodology to assess maturity/deployability of urban maglev concepts?

17. Are comparisons with existing, conventional transit systems justified for an innovative technology like maglev?

18. Are federal subsidies justified to introduce maglev to the U.S., as done for space technology projects?

19. Should the next steps be the usual FTA Planning and Environment requirements for “new start” transit approval?

20. U.S. DOT has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Japan MOT. What technology and knowledge exchanges should FTA negotiate to assist you?

21. Are you willing to provide written answers to these questions?
Closing Remarks

Walter Kulyk, FTA Director for Office of Mobility Innovation

Mr. Kulyk, on behalf of the FTA, expressed his great appreciation for the contributions of all the presenters and participants who attended the 2-day workshop. After calling for final comments, he adjourned the meeting.
Appendix A. Glossary

AMT - American Maglev Technology, Inc., which developed and installed the maglev system on the ODU campus.

APM - Automated People Mover.

CBTC - Communications-based Train Control.

CDOT - Colorado Department of Transportation.

CHSST - Chubu High Speed Surface Transport (CHHST) Development Corporation developed and commercialized the HSST maglev, now in service as LINIMO (Linear Motor Car) on the Tobu Kyuryo Line (TKL) in Nagoya. Itochu Corporation now owns the HSST International, Inc (HII), which is the exclusive technology licensee for marketing the HSST maglev system worldwide.

Cryostats - An apparatus or vessel designed to maintain a superconducting magnet (SCM) at the low temperature (below 4 degrees Kelvin in the case of the Japanese MLX prototype and the Maglev 2000 proposed maglev). The cryostat may include active cryo-coolers (like a Sterling cryo-pump), or passive thermal insulation layers to ensure the liquid helium does not evaporate.

CUP - California University of Pennsylvania.

CUPSS - The California University of Pennsylvania Shuttle System.

Damping - The mechanism provided for attenuating excessive oscillations, or other instabilities (mechanical deformation, vibrations, noise) in a transportation system. In a maglev system, electrical, mechanical or other type of damping is usually necessary in the primary and secondary suspension, to ensure good ride quality and prevent resonant coupling between vehicle and guideway and the amplification of undesirable oscillations.

EDS - Electrodynamic Suspension, refers to the type of maglev technology requiring repulsive magnetic forces between vehicle and guideway, generally characterized by larger gaps and intrinsic stability. An example of a maglev using EDS technology is the Japanese maglev at Yamanashi using superconducting magnets, see explanation at: http://www.rtri.or.jp/rd/maglev/html/english/maglev_frame_E.html

EMS - Electromagnetic Suspension, refers to the type of maglev technology using magnetic attractive forces between the vehicle and guideway, generally characterized by smaller gaps and intrinsic instability requiring active gap control. An example is the HSST Japanese maglev.

Energy Efficiency - The amount of energy required in the production of a unit service; for example, the amount of steel that can be produced with a certain amount of energy units, e.g.,
one billion British Thermal Units (Btu) or other metric equivalent unit (Joules). Energy efficiency is improved when a given level of service is provided with reduced amounts of energy inputs, or services or products are increased for a given amount of energy input.

**Energy Intensity (EI)** - EI is measured by the quantity of energy required to perform a particular activity (service), expressed as energy per unit of output or activity measure of service. The transportation sector uses units of passenger-miles, or energy per passenger-km, and/or freight ton-miles.

**Flux (sensing)** - The magnetic flux is a measure of magnetic field strength, which must be measured by sensors across the maglev levitation gap, to ensure proper gap control. A **maxwell (Mx)** is the CGS unit of magnetic flux, equal to $10^{-8}$ **weber**. In a magnetic field of strength one **gauss**, one maxwell is the total flux across a surface of one square centimeter perpendicular to the field. The Maxwell unit honors the British physicist James Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879), who presented the unified theory of electromagnetism in 1864.

**FTA** - Federal Transit Administration.

**Gap** - Is the vertical levitation, and lateral (horizontal) guidance separation between the maglev vehicle and the guideway, which must be maintained within specified limits, in order to ensure contactless propulsion and operation of a maglev system. Gap maintenance requires sensors for active or passive suspension control. The gap is 4-7 mm in the EMS Transrapid maglev, but up to 10 cm in the EDS Japanese superconducting maglev.

**GA** - General Atomics, Inc.

**Gauss (G)** - An unit of magnetic flux density, named for the German mathematician and astronomer Karl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855). A field of one gauss exerts a force of 0.1 **dyne** per ampere of current per centimeter of conductor. One gauss represents a magnetic flux of one **maxwell** per square centimeter of cross-section perpendicular to the field. In SI units, one gauss equals $10^{-4}$ **tesla**. It is also the unit of magnetic dipole moment per unit volume, more commonly written emu/cm$^3$ or emu/cc. In this use the gauss equals 1000 **amperes** per meter in SI units.

**Guideway** - The name given to the elevated track, along which a magnetically levitated system operates, analogous to the tracks along which conventional steel wheel on rail transit and railroad systems operate.

**Halbach array** - A permanent magnet configuration that concentrates magnetic flux on one side of the array and cancels it on the other. Named for the late Klaus Halbach of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), who originally designed it for focusing the beams of particle accelerators. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) scientists (Post and Ryutov) used permanent magnets in Halbach array configuration in their proposed 'Inductrack' Maglev. The advantages include minimized drag from eddy current effects (drag decreases as speed increases), reduced power consumption (no giant electromagnets needed), and reduced exposure of train passengers to high magnetic fields
Hybrid guideway - A maglev guideway employing structural members with both concrete and steel elements to optimize weight and cost.

IGBT -based variable frequency inverter- Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT) is a common, solid-state electronic switch used for rapid switching (on and off) the current supply in modern power electronics, using very low (biasing) voltages and currents applied to a semiconductor “gate.”

Inductive power pick-up - Contactless power transfer via electric currents in conductors induced when exposed to a moving or otherwise time-varying magnetic field. This is the principle of an electric motor or generator.

KIMM - Korea Institute of Machinery and Materials.

Laminated track - A track reaction plate composed of metal sheets bolted or epoxied together, rather than a thick solid metal bar, in order to limit power losses and associated heating of the track (reaction rail) due to eddy currents induced as the vehicle magnets pass over it. The thinner the laminations are, the smaller the size and intensity of eddy currents, and the lower the power losses and temperature rise will be.

Levitation - The lift achieved by a maglev system above a guideway, due to either attractive (EMS) or repulsive (EDS) magnetic fields and forces.

LIM - Linear Induction Motor. In a LIM, the stator and rotor magnetic fields may be out of phase. The LIM for maglev can have a short stator (as in the active vehicle, passive guideway used by CHSST), or a long stator (as in the active guideway, passive vehicle used by Transrapid).

LSM - Linear Synchronous Motor. In a LSM, the stator and rotor magnetic fields are always in phase (synchronous). The LSM is considered more efficient, but more complex than the LIM.

M3 - MagneMotion Maglev, which is an LSM-type urban maglev transportation system concept developed by MagneMotion, Inc.

MOST - Korean Ministry of Science and Technology.

MTG - Maglev Transit Group

MUSA - Maglev Urban System Associates is the team which studied the implementation of the CHSST maglev in Bethesda, MD for the FTA Urban Maglev Program (UMP). The consortium included EarthTech, Inc., CHHST Corporation, Kimley-Horn Associates, Chamberlain Engineering, Inc., and Delon Hampton and Associates.

NIB - Neodymium Iron Boron (NdFeB) Magnet is a powerful permanent magnet (PM) in the Rare-Earth class. It is sintered from powders and requires coatings and plating to prevent PM corrosion due to weathering of the iron and mechanical damage.
ODU - Old Dominion University.

Oscillations - The periodic (usually sinusoidal) variations in time and amplitude, in this context denoting undesirable resonant instabilities in the maglev guideway-vehicle interactions.

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Labor, which regulates the protection of worker’s health and safety.

PennDOT - The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Permanent magnet (PM), including NIB - is a category of magnets in which magnetic properties are intrinsic and preserved below a critical temperature, at which they become demagnetized, and below a critical magnetic field (coercive force) in excess of which they may become demagnetized. The PM magnetization might also decay slowly over time due to thermal cycling (hysteresis losses) and corrosion or mechanical fractures (see NIB). Very light and strong PMs can now be fabricated to specifications to provide the desired levitation and propulsion forces for urban maglev systems. In contrast, the magnetic field strength of electromagnets (solenoids) varies with the current intensity through the solenoid windings and can reverse direction when the current flow is reversed.

Propulsion - The method by which a maglev vehicle “rides a magnetic wave” to move forward at variable speeds along the guideway, more generally “power and propulsion” denotes the motor for a transit, rail, or other transportation system.

Rotem - The Rotem company is part of the Hyundai Motor Group in Seoul, Korea. It developed and tested a Korean EMS maglev system now being commercialized by the Korean Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST).

Superconducting (magnets) (SCM) - Solenoids made out of superconducting wire can achieve very high conductivity, or very low resistance to electric current flow. Magnets made with superconducting wire can produce very high magnetic fields (< 5 tesla) and very strong currents with very low resistive losses and high-energy efficiency. Type II superconductors such as niobium-tin and niobium-titanium are used to make the coil windings for superconducting magnets. These two materials can be fabricated into wires and can withstand high magnetic fields without losing their properties. Typical construction of the coils is to embed a large number of very fine filaments (20 micrometers diameter) in a copper matrix. The solid copper gives mechanical stability and provides a path for the large currents in case the superconducting state is lost. These superconducting magnets must first be pre-cooled with liquid Nitrogen, and then cooled with liquid helium at 4 degrees Kelvin and are called Low-Temperature superconductors (LTS). The Yamanashi MLX maglev system uses LTS SCMs, and requires cryostats and cooling pumps to maintain SCMs at low temperatures. Newer superconductors with higher transition temperatures are called High Temperature Superconductors, and are being studied demonstrated by Japan Central Railroads (JCR) at Yamanashi for the next generation EDS maglev.
TEA-21 - Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century funded surface transportation R&D activities from 1998 to 2004. Section 3015 (c) of TEA-21, Advanced Technology Pilot Project, authorized the Secretary to make grants for the development of low-speed magnetic levitation technology for public transportation purposes in urban areas to demonstrate energy efficiency, congestion mitigation, and safety benefits. TEA-21 also created the Low Speed Project, under 23 U.S.C., §322 (i) based on superconductivity technology. These two statutory provisions were combined in FTA’s Urban Magnetic Levitation Transit Technology Development Program (Urban Maglev Program, UMP) that was initiated through a Federal Register Notice dated January 29, 1999.

TKL - Tobu Kyuryo Line is a 5.6 mi double track guideway with 9 stations in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, where the CHSST LINIMO (Linear Motor) maglev has been operating in commercial service since May 2005 at Aichi Expo 2005.

Transrapid - The EMS high-speed maglev originally developed and demonstrated in Germany and proposed for U.S. transit and intercity applications (see postings at http://www.transrapid-usa.com/content.asp). A modified Transrapid maglev is now operating commercially in Shanghai by the Shanghai maglev Transportation (SMT) corporation, as an urban transit system.

UMP - Urban Maglev Program is an R&D program for low-speed maglev advanced transit options administered (see TEA-21 above).

VVVF - Variable voltage variable frequency converter is the typical controller for Alternating Current (AC) motors. The VVVF drive allows the voltage (and current) to vary, thus varying the rotor speed, hence the motor torque and power. This converter (or inverter if the input is Direct Current (DC)) is used to control induction motors and the current flowing to the maglev electromagnets. In the Transrapid maglev the VVVF is used to vary both voltage and the frequency of the current flow through electromagnets, and thus vary the propulsion spee
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# Appendix C. Workshop Agenda

**Low Speed Urban Maglev Workshop**

**Federal Transit Administration**

**400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 2301**

**Washington, DC 20590**

**September 8 and 9, 2005**

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Office of Mobility Innovation,  
FTA |
| **9:00 a.m. -9:45 a.m.** | MagneMotion Maglev | Richard Thornton, President  
MagneMotion  
and  
Todd Webber, CEO  
MagneMotion |
| **9:45 a.m. -10:05 a.m.** | Discussion, Q & A |  |
| **10:05 a.m. -10:20 a.m.** | Break |  |
| **10:20 a.m. -11:05 a.m.** | General Atomics Team  
Maglev Project | Sam Gurol, Project Manager  
General Atomics |
| **11:05 a.m.-11:20 a.m.** | Discussion, Q & A |  |
| **11:20 a.m. -12:05 p.m.** | California Univ. of PA (CUP)  
Maglev Demonstration System | Allan Golden, V.P. for Admin.  
& Finance  
California University of  
Pennsylvania |
| **12:05 p.m.-12:25 p.m.** | Discussion, Q & A |  |
| **12:25 p.m.-1:30 p.m.** | Lunch |  |
| **1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.** | Colorado Maglev Project | Gopal Samavedam, Group Dir.  
Foster-Miller |
| **2:15 p.m.-2:35 p.m.** | Discussion, Q & A |  |
| **2:35 p.m.-3:10 p.m.** | Maglev 2000 | Jim Powell, Co-Founder  
Maglev 2000 |
| **3:10 p.m.-3:30 p.m.** | Discussion, Q & A |  |
| **3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.** | Break |  |
| **3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.** | MUSA  Project | Pierre Brunet, Sr. Engineer  
EarthTech |
<p>| <strong>4:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.</strong> | Discussion, Q &amp; A |  |
| <strong>5:00 p.m.</strong> | Adjourn for the Day |  |
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Appendix D. Presentations
FTA Maglev Program Objectives

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FTA Maglev Program Objectives

Walter Kulyk
Director, Office of Mobility and Innovation
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- To perform research and development in magnetically levitated and propelled systems, particularly in areas where technological gaps exist.
- To evaluate Maglev systems’ safety, cost and viability for urban transportation
- To evaluate the benefits of emerging Maglev systems for urban transportation and make recommendations to the transit industry
Statutory Basis of FTA Maglev Program

- Published in the Federal Register Notice, January 29, 1999

- Program Elements
  - Evaluation of system concepts
  - Prototype system development
  - System integration and deployment plans

- Selected concepts must have R & D purpose to overcome critical technological gaps

Statutory Basis of FTA Maglev Program (cont.)

- Emphasis is deployable technologies with participation by the end user. The projects must demonstrate:
  - Energy efficiency
  - Congestion Mitigation
  - Safety and other benefits
FTA Maglev Program Objectives

Speed Definition

A “speed” definition is required. For our purpose, let us define the peak values of:

- Low Speed < 100 mph
- Moderate Speed 100 to 150 mph
- High Speed > 150 mph

Low speed Maglev is suitable to compete with Metro, Light Rail, Monorail and bus on routes with average station stops under 1 mile. Travel time is controlled more by acceleration and deceleration capability than maximum speed in the case of short station stops.

FTA Maglev Program Objectives

The FTA Maglev systems should have the following advantages over conventional urban transportation systems:
- Public Acceptance
- Reduced travel time
- Steep gradient negotiation for hilly terrains
- Fully operated train without drivers
- Significantly improved ride quality
- Almost noise free environment for passengers and communities
- Low maintenance and operational costs
- Low initial costs
FTA Maglev Program Objectives

- Chubu HSST has been developed over many years of extensive research and development in Japan. It has recently been successfully deployed in Nagoya. The operational experience, and maintenance and operational costs will be a valuable reference system for Maglev research communities. The Chubu system can serve as a benchmark for emerging Maglev technologies.

- To understand and evaluate the Chubu HSST applicability to U.S. Urban Maglev transportation, the FTA sent technical experts to the Chubu facility in Nagoya in 2002 and 2004.

  2002 team: Consultants and MUSA contractors
  2004 team: Consultants, MUSA, and selected transit planners.

FTA Maglev Program Objectives

The FTA awarded contracts to the following primes:

- MUSA, Baltimore, MD
- General Atomics, San Diego, CA
- MagneMotion, Acton, MA
- CDOT, Denver, CO
- Maglev 2000, Titusville, FL

In addition, California University, PA, has received earmarked funds from Congress to plan an elevated Maglev system on the campus.
FTA Maglev Program Objectives

- The FTA contractors will present their work and accomplishments during the Workshop. The concepts are generally different from each other and are expected to address specific gaps they identified in the Maglev technology.

- In addition, there will be special presentations by Chubu HSST and Korean Maglev as invitees by the FTA. The Koreans will likely be deploying a Maglev system in a couple of years.

- Old Dominion University had also planned Maglev transportation on their campus. They were also invited to the Workshop to share their technology and experiences in Maglev.

FTA Maglev Program Objectives

In the selection of concepts for R & D, the FTA hoped that these different concepts have some of the following attributes desired for U.S. Maglev:

- Larger levitation (Mechanical) gaps ($\geq 10\text{mm}$)
- Higher peak speeds ($\geq 62\text{ mph}$)
- Steeper gradient negotiation ($\geq 7^\circ$)
- Tighter curve negotiation (side line track: $62^\prime$)
FTA Maglev Program Objectives

- Powerful propulsion motors
  - Improved Linear Induction Motor
  - Linear Synchronous Motor
- Low cost guideways
- Alternate systems other than electromagnets to generate magnetic fields
  - Permanent magnets
  - Superconducting magnets

FTA Maglev Program Objectives

- The FTA encourages partnerships among U.S. and foreign contractors and will exploit deployment opportunities in the U.S. or abroad.

- The FTA stresses that it is very important that the FTA Maglev programs be successful to rekindle U.S. Government interest and retain U.S. public and transit planners interests.
Urban Maglev Workshop

Presentation by MagneMotion
September 8, 2005

Richard Thornton and Todd Webber
1. Project Purpose, Duration and Team Roles

- **Purpose**
  - Design a cost effective maglev system for urban applications and build key pieces of hardware to demonstrate the design. Base the design on system level tradeoff studies.

- **Duration**
  - FTA Urban Maglev Project kickoff meeting Feb. 1999
  - Cost sharing support from FTA June 2001 to June 2004
  - Company funded work has continued up to the present

- **Team members**
  - MagneMotion: suspension, propulsion, control
  - EarthTech: guideway design and simulation
  - TPI Composites: vehicle design
2. System Requirements & Overview

- Designed with a system perspective to achieve:
  - Low capital and operating cost
  - Short travel time, including wait time
  - Minimum environmental impact
  - Excellent ride quality

- Design requirements:
  - Speeds up to 45 m/s (101 mph), higher speeds possible in the future
  - Acceleration to 2 m/s², limited to 1.6 m/s² when there are standees
  - Capacity up to 12,000 pphpd, can be increased by using larger vehicles
  - Small vehicles operating with headways as short as 4 seconds
  - Lightweight guideways with minimum cost and weight

2a. System Requirements & Overview

- Major features
  - Permanent magnet EMS with 20 mm magnetic gap
  - LSM propulsion with guideway-based control and power regeneration
  - Box beam concrete guideways matched to vehicle weight and speed
  - Composite vehicles that are light and streamlined
3. Levitation/Propulsion/Guidance

- Permanent magnet ElectroMagnetic Suspension
  - Each magnet contributes to force in all directions
    - Provides most of the force for control in all degrees of freedom
    - Reduces cost and weight of vehicle and guideway
  - Active suspension control improves ride quality
    - Provides damping in all degrees of freedom
  - Magnetic gap is 20 mm for typical load
    - Gap changes with load so as to minimize suspension power
  - Very little power required for levitation

3a. Guidance

- Guidance uses same magnets as levitation
  - Eliminates the need for separate guideway structures
  - Only one gap interface to control
3b. Propulsion

- LSM propulsion
  - Reduced vehicle weight
  - Force can be adapted to the terrain and station location
  - Precise position sensing of all vehicles all of the time
  - The preferred choice for all high speed designs
    - Transrapid changed from LIM to LSM with TR05
- High power components are all on the guideway
  - No need to transfer large amounts of power to the vehicle
    - This is a major advantage of the LSM as compared with the LIM
    - +900 VDC for the LSM on one side, -900 V for the other side
    - Use 1,700 V IGBTs while transmitting most power at 1,800 VDC
    - Inverters use state-of-art IGBT modules to reduce cost
  - Short vehicle headway and high voltage leads to high efficiency
    - Most regenerated power can be reused
    - Power usage less than half that for conventional transit

4. Guideway Structure

- Lightweight and compact
  - Optimized for low cost for vehicle weight and speed
    - Limit of one vehicle per beam allows lower cost guideways
  - 20 mm gap relaxes dimensional tolerances
    - Achieves most of the advantages of EDS designs
- Reinforced concrete box beam
  - Designed for good ride quality at minimum cost
  - Stiffness-based design is necessary to achieve good ride
    - Large reserve of strength for handling rescue vehicles
  - 1.7 meter gauge
- Double span concrete box beams
  - Light weight and 36 m (118’) column spacing simplifies installation
  - Double-span reduces deflection and temperature distortion
5. Vehicle Structure

- Composite construction
  - Reduced weight
  - Streamlined shape
- Supported by pivoting magnet pods
  - Like a small bus with magnet pods replacing wheels
  - Secondary suspension only needed for high speed installations
- Onboard power via inductive power transfer
  - Operation at all speeds reduces battery needs
  - Power requirements low because of efficient suspension
  - Major need is for HVAC, total estimated to be 8 kW
- Size and layout can be varied
  - Up to 48 passengers for low speed with mostly standees
  - Shorter vehicles reduce cost for lower capacity applications
  - Vehicle size can be increased for capacity >12,000 pphpd

6. Vehicle Dynamics and Stability

- Active control of suspension magnets for stability
  - Suspension power negligible when stationary
  - Suspension power estimated to be 100 W/Mg at 100 mph
    - More than an order of magnitude less than most EMS designs
- Suspension magnets provide passive and stable guidance
  - Active control of magnets provides damping in all dimensions
- Secondary suspension only necessary at high speed
  - Passive secondary suspension for 50-100 mph
  - Active pneumatic suspension for >100 mph
- Simulations show excellent ride quality
  - Light vehicles lead to small deflections, even with light beams
  - Can use precamber of beams because of known load
  - With somewhat larger beams speed can be increased to 150 mph
6a. Simulated Ride Quality

Vertical acceleration at 45 m/s (101 mph)

ISO Ride quality standard

Step response showing lateral damping and roll torque compensation

7. System Safety

- Can not derail
  - Wrap-around design prevents overturning
- Guideway-based propulsion and control
  - Control does not depend on radio communication
  - Vehicle locations precisely known at all times
  - Not dependent on delivering propulsion power to vehicle
- Elevated guideway is key to safety
  - Most transit-related fatalities involve people not on transit vehicles
- Redundant controls and power systems
  - No single-point failure will cause suspension failure
    - This approach has been proven by Transrapid
  - Separate port and starboard LSM power systems
  - Can operate at lower speed with only one LSM
- Rescue vehicles can drive on guideway
  - This approach has been used by Disneyland for many years
  - Can avoid the need for parallel walkways
8a. Control Hierarchy - Three levels of Control

1) Central controllers are the highest level
Optimize system resources
Collect operational data
Provide a human interface

2) Node controllers provide local control
Optimize vehicle spacing and control switching
Take orders from central control

3) Motor / Block controllers are the lowest level
Control inverter operation for a single vehicle
Take commands from Node controllers
Implement protection functions

8b. Communications and Control

- Vehicles operate in clusters to increase capacity
  - Inter-cluster spacing based on brick wall headway
    - Prevents compound control problems
  - Inter-vehicle spacing based on safe-follower headway
    - Safer than using long trains to achieve high capacity
    - Brick wall headway possible with slightly lower throughput
  - Clusters achieve the capacity of trains
    - Preserve the advantage of small vehicles & short headway
    - Allows a simple way to reduce capacity for off-peak operation
  - Station skipping can reduce travel time and vehicle requirements
    - Clusters can be dynamic with some vehicles skipping some stations
8c. Control of Vehicle Clusters

Intra-cluster Headway | Intra-cluster Headway

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"Brick Wall" Inter-cluster Headway

Movement Permissions for vehicles within a cluster (6X real-time)

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Existing monorail, Safe-follower headway, Brick wall headway (6X real-time)

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Clusters at max throughput (not shortest travel time) (6X real-time)

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Video can be seen on the FTA Maglev Workshop CD.

9. Specific Innovations

- Permanent magnet EMS
  - Each magnet contributes to suspension, guidance & propulsion
  - Allows magnetic gap of 20 mm
  - Control coils stabilize suspension and provide damping of all motion
  - This novel concept has been proven by POC constructed during this project
- Guideway uses conventional construction
  - Achieves low cost through careful matching to vehicle weight and speed
- Simplified manufacture of LSM stator
  - Externally wound coils simplify manufacture
  - Winding fill factor is high with good thermal transfer
9a. Specific Innovations & Test Results

- Uses vehicle clusters
  - Allows high capacity with small vehicles
  - Similar to a fleet of buses operating on a highway
- LSM design and control are based on proven commercial product design
  - Controller similar to one used for small vehicles in automated factories
  - Design proven on products producing forces from 50 to 50,000 pounds
  - The result of many years of development and manufacturing
  - There is very little risk that the LSM can not achieve its objectives
- Proof of Concept Test Results
  - Test vehicle with full size magnets validated key concepts
    - Permanent magnet EMS with 20 mm magnetic gap
    - Position sensing accurate to 10 mm
    - LSM propulsion with acceleration of 2 m/s²
    - Damping of motion in all degrees of freedom
  - Detailed modeling and simulation verified many features
    - POC results agreed very well with finite element modeling
    - Guideway ride quality was shown to be outstanding
  - Energy usage is less than 50% of competing wheel-based designs

10a. M3 Demonstration

Video can be seen on the FTA Maglev Workshop CD.
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Note: Based on dual guideway, 12,000 pphpd
Contingencies are included, but not stations or land
Energy cost based on BTU estimate and DOE Federal Register costs
O&M based on public transit (rail) budget per mile calculations

12. Summary: System Characteristics

- Designed from a system perspective with the objective of achieving:
  - Low capital and operating cost
  - Short travel time, including wait time
  - Minimum environmental impact and energy usage
  - Excellent ride quality
- All objectives were achieved and demonstrated:
  - POC demonstrated LSM and permanent magnet EMS
  - Detailed costing showed that M3 is very cost effective
  - Simulations show excellent ride quality and high energy efficiency
  - Comparison with existing technology for typical applications is encouraging
### Application Examples

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### Comparison of Energy Usage

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12a. Summary: System Characteristics

- This project convinced us that our design choices were right
  - EMS has major advantages for speeds up to 150 mph
  - Permanent magnets can provide most of suspension and guidance forces
  - For maglev a long-stator LSM is superior to a short stator LIM
  - Small vehicles with short headway are safe and have major advantages
  - Maglev should be the preferred choice for all urban guideway-based transportation

12b. Lessons Learned

- The greatest impediment to continued success is not technical risk, but program funding, sponsorship and subcontract issues
  - We achieved all technical design goals
  - Intermittent funding hinders progress
  - Finding industrial sponsors for deployment has been elusive
  - Subcontract performance difficult to achieve with small quantity purchases spread out in time
- Our key concepts led to reduced cost without compromising performance
  - Permanent magnet EMS
  - Small vehicles with operating with short headway
  - Lightweight and low cost guideway
- M3 has lower capital and operating cost than competing transit systems
  - Costs well below lower performing wheel-based systems
  - Costs lower than other maglev designs with published cost data
  - Performance comparable to Transrapid for distances to 50 km
13b. Future Plans

- We are actively pursuing several potential applications
  - The plan includes the following short term objectives
    - Construct an indoor test track and vehicle; the track will be full size but the vehicle will be shorter
    - Construct an outdoor track capable of full speed testing, possibly near a potential application
  - The first application should be short with time and funds allowed for thorough testing
- There is clearly a large market for urban maglev, applications include:
  - Airport transportation, both air-side and land-side
  - Rapid transit and commuter rail extensions
  - An alternative to light rail or monorail
  - Theme parks, including parking lot connectors

13c. Development Specifics

Continue R&D (18 month plan):
- Build 33m test facility with a full length, full gauge bogey
- Test Inverter hardware block switching transition
- Test stator alignment and track tolerance (movable track section)
- Verify ride quality simulation with yaw, pitch, roll measurements
- Test curve transition (track will have first segments of a 18m radius curve)
Summary

• M3 offers dramatic improvements for transit systems
  – Less than ½ the operating cost
  – Less than ½ the capital cost for new systems
  – Less than ½ the travel time for typical trips
  – Improved safety and reliability
  – Reduced environmental impact: less noise and smaller guideway

• Improvements are made possible by enabling technologies
  – Permanent magnets provide lift and guidance: larger gap, less power loss
  – Linear synchronous motor propulsion: high efficiency, rapid acceleration
  – Small, light vehicles: reduce guideway size and cost
  – Operation in clusters: high capacity with small vehicles
  – Guideway based propulsion and control: safer and more reliable

• It is time to focus on the market opportunities, not maglev technology
  – There is virtually no technical risk
  – Focus on reduced cost and travel time, increased safety and reliability
  – Huge potential savings for FTA constituents
General Atomics Maglev System

Sam Gurol and Bob Baldi

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1. Project Purpose/Duration/Team Roles

“Staircase” Towards Deployment

- Concept Development (Completed)
- Prototype Development (Completed)
- Production Development Test Track (In Process)
- Demonstration System
- Deployment

- 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005

• Concept & Engineering Development
• Prototype Development
• Production Development (Test Track)
• California University of PA (CUP) - Preliminary Eng.
2. System Requirements and Brief Overview

1.1 Service Characteristics
1.2 Acceleration/Speed Performance
1.3 Braking Performance
1.4 Passenger Comfort
1.5 Noise Characteristics
1.6 Guideway
1.7 Operating Environment
1.8 Allowable Magnetic Fields
1.9 Reliability, Availability, Maintainability & Safety
1.10 Security
1.11 Aesthetics
1.12 System Lifetime
1.13 System Costs

- 13.5 km total length
- 15 stations
- 7% maximum grade
- 25 m radius turn
- 12,000 passengers/hr/direction
**Levitation Magnet Options Considered**

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Legend: 1 cm gap 2 cm gap

Total volume per vehicle includes magnets, cryogenics, associated power electronics (as applicable).

**Levitation/Propulsion Technology Selection**

- Simple, passive permanent magnet levitation and propulsion system.
- Large air gap (~25mm) operation.
- Lightweight vehicles (~1 tonne/meter).
- Requires no shielding; field levels in passenger compartment below 1 Gauss level.
- Levitation and propulsion technology suitable for urban (low speed), suburban (higher speed), and inter-city (high speed) operation.
- Enables tight turns, steep grades, quiet.
- Major system cost savings (avoids tunneling, which costs from $200M to $400M per mile).
- O&M costs are expected to be very low, reducing life-cycle costs.
3. Principles of Levitation, Propulsion and Guidance

- Magnets are arranged in Halbach Arrays
- Track consists of transposed conductors
- Fields are focused on the track, cancellation occurs on back side
- Motion of magnets drives currents in track
- Currents react against magnet fields to produce lift

4. Guideway Structure

Baseline Guideway

“Hybrid Girder” Guideway

W = 2477 lbs/ft

W = 1321 lbs/ft

GIRDER LENGTH

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Switch Concepts Considered

Baseline “Rotational Switch”
- 16.6 Degree Rotation
- 60 Metric Tons
- 25 hp Electric Motor Rack & Pinion Drive
- Air Bearing
- 20 Meter Length
- 130.6 m² Area
- Switch Time ~ 20 sec
- End of Line Safety Stops - 3 places
- Super Elevation can be Accommodated

“Electromagnetic” Switch
- AC Magnets Provide Guidance
- Rollers Used in Case of Power Outage
- Dynamics of Vehicle Analyzed

5. Vehicle Structure – Modular Architecture

- 2 Chassis Car Length - 13 m
- Car Width - 2.6 m
- Car Height - 3 m

Chassis units can be connected to produce different vehicle configurations
6. Vehicle Dynamics and Stability

- 6 degree-of-freedom Nastran model
- Simulation of lift, drag, lateral forces
- Control system linked to LSM through feedback control loop.
- Mass and inertia of all major components included.
- Non-linear and time-dependent effects, including vibration, magnetic coupling dynamics and translations are simulated.
- Dynamics will be verified by testing.
7. System Safety

- Levitation system fail-safe on power failure.
- No high voltage systems on vehicles.
- No third rail on guideway.
- Safety-certified Automatic Train Protection System (ATP).
- Driverless operation.
- LSM block switch architecture powers each train individually - collision avoidance.
- Wrap-around design - cannot derail.
- End-of-track power switches and eddy current brakes.
- Emergency electro-mechanical braking system.
- Elevated system - no rail crossing mishaps; easier evacuation than tunnel systems.
- Security monitoring systems: guideway intrusion prevention/detection system, visual and audio vehicle communication.

8. Communication and Control

- Safety-Certified ATP System Used
  - US&S Mikrolok
  - Vehicle Control System Architecture
  - Transformer 600V dc
  - Rectifier 1600V dc
  - Hi-Pulse Power Inverter
  - PWM Card, Sensor Card, etc.
  - Data Link
  - RS 232 Cable
  - Fiber-Optic Link
  - Power Cable
9. Specific Innovations

- Simple, passive permanent magnet levitation and propulsion system based on Halbach array configuration.
- Low lift-off speed EDS system.
- Levitation system fail-safe on power failure.
- Large air gap (25mm-30mm) operation.
- Lightweight vehicles (~1 tonne/meter) with modular construction.
- Requires no shielding; field levels in passenger compartment below 1 Gauss level - all fields DC.
- IGBT-based variable frequency inverter.
- High strength fiber-reinforced advanced concrete.
- Inductive housekeeping power pick-up.
- LSM and control system can be applied to wheeled vehicles.
- Levitation and propulsion technology suitable for urban (low speed), suburban (higher speed), and inter-city (high speed) operation.
- Minimal disruption during construction.

10. Proof of Concept/Test Data

Dynamic Test Facility Demonstrates Levitation

Lift-Off @ ~ 3 m/s
Air Gap > 25 mm
Levitated Weight ~ 900 kg
Equivalent to Full Vehicle With 100 Passengers
Laminated Track Testing

- Laminated track is potentially cheaper to manufacture.
- Provides stiffer primary suspension.
- Is “tunable” to alignment requirements.

Test Track Uses Full-Scale “Building Blocks”

Completed Test Track and Team (September 2004)
Control and Electrical Room

Inverter Cabinet Interior View

Data Acquisition

Vehicle Control Panel

Vehicle Undergoing Dynamic Testing

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Recent Testing is Focused on Tuning Control System

Tuning Test Control Parameters

Baseline: Velocity controller Ki=50

Test Run: Velocity controller Ki=100

Test Run: Velocity controller Ki=200

Testing Up to 10 m/s (36 km/h)

- Sensor currently being used is optical
- We plan to use eddy-current sensor in future

11. System Cost Estimates

Cost Estimating Methodology

- Develop System Requirements
- Baseline a Full-Scale Maglev System
  - Conceptual Design & Analysis
  - Preliminary Assembly Drawings
- Document Baseline Design
- Create Engineering & Construction Schedule
- Prepare Budgetary Cost Estimate
  - Get Vendor Quotes for High $/New Technology Items
  - Document Estimate with Backup Information
  - Consistent & Traceable WBS / Schedule / DBS
1. GUIDEWAY STRUCTURE COSTS
   1.1 Guideway Girders/Beams $9.2 M/mile *
   1.2 Guideway Support Columns $0.9 M/mile *
   1.3 Footings/Foundations $6.3 M/mile *

2. VEHICLE COSTS
   2.1 Vehicle Body/Bogie/Suspension $1.45 M/vehicle
   2.2 Levitation, Guidance, and Propulsion $11.8 M/mile *
   2.3 Power Distribution and Conditioning $14.3 M/mile *
   2.4 Communication and Control $6.4 M/mile *
   2.5 Energy Cost/Passenger/mile $ 0.0035

3. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS
   $3.67 (Cost/vehicle-mile)

* Costs Are For Double Track System Based on the "Primary Alignment"

12. Summary of System Characteristics

I. Operational Characteristics
   • Max. Operation Speed – 50 mph (100mph goal)
   • Max. Initial Acceleration – 1.6 m/s²
   • Service Brake Max. Deceleration - 1.6 m/s² (standing); 2.5 m/s² (seated)
   • Emergency Brake Max. Deceleration – 3.6 m/s²
   • Max. Gradient – 7% (10% goal)
   • Min. Horizontal Curve Radius – 50 m (18.3 m goal)
   • Min. Vertical Curve Radius – 1,000 m
   • Max. Super-Elevation Angle – 6 degrees
   • Passenger Capacity (One Car) – 100 passengers
   • Temperature - minus 26F to plus 122F
   • Max. Wind Speed (Operational) – 50mph (ride comfort limited)

II. Vehicle Configuration
   • Modular construction
   • Nominal vehicle consists of 2 chassis units
   • Chassis units can be connected to obtain desired vehicle length
   • Magnetically coupled cars operate as a train
   • Nominal (2-chassis) car body length – 13 m
   • Car width – 2.6 m
   • Car height – 3 m
   • Rail Gauge – 1.7 m
   • Vehicle weight (empty) – 12 Metric Tons
   • Vehicle weight (75% loaded-AW2) – 17.6 Metric Tons
   • Car body structure – fiberglass
   • Chassis structure - aluminum
System Characteristics Data Sheet (cont’d)

III. Levitation and Guidance System
- NdFeB permanent magnets arranged in Halbach array
- Levitation gap – 25 mm

IV. Propulsion System
- Linear Synchronous Motor (LSM)
- IGBT-based variable frequency inverter

V. Suspension System
- Secondary suspension – air bags and MR dampers
- Module frame – 6061-T6 aluminum

VI. Brake System
- Service brake – LSM
- Emergency brake – electromagnetic
- Parking brake – permanent magnet

- Use of LSM propulsion for wheeled vehicle transport results in lighter, more efficient, and expandable high throughput system.
- Electrical architecture based on fixed block system is inherently safe; only one train per powered section.
- Fiber-reinforced hybrid gilder can lead to significantly lighter and cheaper elevated system.
- Inductive pick-up system can lead to non-contacting power for vehicle housekeeping systems.
- Dual-use guideway (existing rail and maglev) can be configured.
- Modular pulsed electronic propulsion and control system off DC bus with regenerative braking.

GENERAL ATOMICS SYSTEM - LESSONS LEARNED

- Concept and prototype development completed.
- Test track construction completed.
- Testing on-going.
- Received R&D 100 award for one of the leading technology developments for 2004.

Lessons learned from the approach taken.
- Full-scale hardware is cost-effective and strong building blocks for deployment.
- Use of safety-certified ATP system enhances early deployment.
- All-weather operation requires use of non-optical sensors.
- Vehicle control system development requires much dedication and commitment.
- Team capabilities should encompass all aspects of transportation.

Future needs of research in low speed urban maglev technology.
- Extended testing
- Second chassis with articulation
- All-weather position sensing
- Block switches
- Inductive housekeeping power pick-up system
- Elevated hybrid gilder
- Laminated track
- Optimized magnet configuration
- Vehicle body

Readiness of system for deployment and application in the industry.
- Ready to start demonstration system at CUP in 2007 with 3.5 year construction period for Projects 1 and 2.
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Maglev at California University of Pennsylvania Background

• Jan. 2001 - PennDOT Deputy Secretary Rick Peltz expressed interest in the GA Urban Maglev program and requested briefing.
• Mar. 2001 - GA briefed PennDOT Secretary Brad Mallory.
• Nov. 2001 - GA proposed Urban Maglev to CUP, with PennDOT support. CUP President Dr. Angelo Armenti agreed to host the demonstration site using the GA system.
• CY 2003 - The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approved $40M State budget to be designated for the CUPSS cost share.
• May 2003 - GA briefed incoming PennDOT Secretary Al Biehler.
• Jan. 2004 - PennDOT provides $1M for Project 1 engineering activities using the GA technology.
• CY’ 2004 - GA team prepares design/plans for Project 1 piers, foundations, stations, maintenance facility, and electrical systems.
• Nov. 2004 - GA briefed CUP and PennDOT on status of maglev development.
Background (cont’d)

- Jan. 2005 - CUP executes MOA with GA to manage project.
- May 2005 - CUP selects Delta Development to provide project oversight to the University.
- FY ’04 - U.S. Congress earmarks $2.0 M for “California University of Pennsylvania Shuttle System (CUPSS)”.
- FY ’05 - U.S. Congress earmarks $2.5 M for “California University of Pennsylvania Urban Maglev”.
- SAFE-TEA LU (FY ’06-’09) - U.S. Congress earmarks $4.0 M for “California University of Pennsylvania Urban Maglev”
Project 1 Views

James Adamson Stadium - seen from State Route 88

South Grand Stand

Future Passenger Station

Maintenance Facility, Parking Garage & Passenger Station Sites

Looking West

Looking South at Edwards St.
Adamson Stadium to Upper Campus Housing

Project 2 Views Down the Bluff

Monongahela River Valley
Adamson Stadium to Main Campus

- Demonstrates 7% One-Mile Grade and All-Weather Operation
- Serves a University Transportation Need

Project 3 Starting Point

Future Convocation Center Site
Convocation Center to Main Campus and California Borough

California University Master Plan

The University Master Plan includes Maglev to provide:

- Safe transportation
- All-weather operation
- Ability to serve future convocation center events
- Eliminates significant on-campus parking.
Maglev Benefits to California University

- CUP is a great site for demonstrating maglev:
  - 7% grade
  - All-weather
  - Quiet operation
  - Low O&M cost
  - Tight turning capabilities
- Serves much needed transportation function for the campus and the Borough of California
- Unique, innovative, progressive technology
- PennDOT interest and support for the project
- Economic development for Western Pennsylvania, new industry for “rust belt”
- Recognition for the university, leading to new curriculum in technology, business, marketing, economic studies, etc.

Concluding Comments

- California University of Pennsylvania Campus Master Plan includes urban maglev.
- The timely release of funds is greatly appreciated.
Colorado Maglev Project

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CDOT Team: CDOT, MTG, T.Y. Lin, Sandia, CHSST and others

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Colorado Maglev Project Goals

- Primary Goal is to Assess Urban Maglev Systems Benefit from DIA to Eagle County Airport
- Team Focus on DEPLOYABILITY
  - Identify Critical Development Gaps
  - Identify Technical Obstacles to Overcome
- Deployability Success Rests on Technical Feasibility and Cost
  - Cost Determines System Viability
Colorado Maglev Project

Interstate 70 Route Alignment

Colorado I-70 Maglev Project

I-70 Eastbound Toward Georgetown
I-70 Westbound at Eisenhower Tunnel
Colorado Maglev Project

**Project Issues**

- Congestion
  - Economic Impact to State
- Topography
  - Mountains with Grades and Horizontal Curvatures
- Weather
  - Winter Weather Conditions
- Alignment
  - Right of Way including Tunnels and Major Grades
  - Length
- Cost

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Colorado Maglev Project

**Suitability of Maglev Technology**

- Capability to Satisfy Project Terrain Challenges
- Ability to Meet Operational Needs

**Selection of CHSST as Baseline**

- Applicability to Colorado Project
- Only Maglev System Ready for Deployment in the United States
- Overall Ability to Meet Near-term Deployability Requirement for Colorado
- Projected Cost Containment
- Ability to Improve Performance with Minor Incremental Improvements to Propulsion, Levitation and Guideway
Guideway Issues and Costs

– Guideways Typically Account for 60% of the system cost.
– Guideway consists of beams, columns and foundations
– Guideway has the Strongest Visual Impact
– Guideway Construction has the Most Impacts

Vehicle Live Loading Criteria for Guideway Design

**General:**
Baseline Maglev Technology: Japanese HSST
Vehicle Type: HSST 100 or 200
Design Speed: 160 kph
Track Gauge: 1700 mm

**Vehicle Live Loading:**
Maximum Vehicle Live Loading: 1,150 kgf/m per rail;
2,300 kgf/m per guideway
Live Load Impact: 24% (Steel Girders);
16% (Prestressed Conc. Gird.)
Live Load Deflection: L / 1,750
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Typical Guideway Section

- Precast Concrete Box Girder
- Steel Sleeper Beams

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Colorado Guideway Types - Precast Concrete U-Girder

- Precast Concrete Deck Panels
- Precast Concrete U-Girder
Colorado Maglev Project
Propulsion Motor

- The thrust requirements of the 10 LIMs in the 44-tonne, COL-200 vehicle have been defined based upon the requirements for 0.16 g initial acceleration and ability to maintain speed climbing a 7% grade at 160 kph with a 90 kph headwind.

- The HSST-200 LIM has been designed for 200 kph operation on shallow grade.
Propulsion Trade Study Evaluated Options for Linear Motor to Drive Maglev Vehicle

- Specify requirements of motor for COL-200 vehicle.
- Assess electrical power requirements of vehicle.
- Assess improvements to existing LIM technology through simulation.
- Specify on-board power conditioning and motor.

Baseline Technology for Design is LIM-driven Chubu HSST-200 Maglev System

Two-car consist HSST-200 maglev
LIM Performance Analysis Done in Collaboration with CHSST

- Reviewed design options and analysis methods with CHSST and motor developer.
- CHSST code develops lumped elements for equivalent circuit load to inverters from field analysis based on geometry.
- CHSST code benchmarked with static and low speed testing to within 5-7%.
- Modified code for frequency-sweep evaluation and suggested improvements.
- Evaluated motor improvement options.
Evaluated Near and Long-term Options to Improve LIM to Achieve Thrust

1. Increasing the maximum voltage per LIM to permit higher “breakpoint” speed.
2. Increase the trolley rail voltage to 3000 VDC.
3. Change the operating point on the motor’s thrust vs. slip frequency characteristic curve.
4. Increasing the LIM primary current for a very short duration.
5. Forced cooling to operate at higher, steady-state power, or Cu wire.
6. Decrease clearance gap between the LIM and reaction rail.
7. Utilize solid copper reaction rail only where high thrust needed.
8. Configure the primary windings to allow pole switching.
9. Use double-fed LIM’s in regions of track where high thrust needed.
10. Use long-stator LIM in guideway where high thrust needed IN ADDITION to on-board LIM.
11. Incorporate compensation for LIM end-effect.

Sandia

Calculated Performance of 208 kW COL-200 LIM with Improvement Options 1-6

- Sufficient thrust for 0.16 g acceleration
- Sufficient thrust to maintain 160 kph on 7% grade
- Capable of 230 kph on level grade into 90 kph headwind

Drag forces into 90 kph headwind
LIM-drive Maglev is Better Choice for 200 kph (120 mph) Maglev Project

- Lower capital costs due to simpler guideway components.
- Established technical base since power/operations very similar to induction motor-driven conventional rail.
- Similar energy cost since efficiency to similar Transrapid.
- Higher flexibility to long-term change in ridership and rapid schedule recovery from interruptions.

Conclusions

- Cost effective guideway concepts and advanced linear induction motor design are proposed for Maglev technology applications.
- The technology developed for the CDOT Maglev Project is deployable in the U.S. market. The cost of the system is expected to be under $50 million for a two-way mile.
- The range of system costs is highly competitive with other modes of transportation such as LRT and Heavy Rail Systems.
CDOT System Characteristics

I. Operational Characteristics

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<td>Max. Operation Speed</td>
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<td>4.0 m/sec² (1.6 g)</td>
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<td>Max. Deceleration</td>
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<tr>
<td>Service Brake</td>
<td>4.0 km/h/s (2.5 mph/s)</td>
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<td>Emergency Brake</td>
<td>32 g</td>
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<td>Max. Gradient</td>
<td>7% (no degradation) 10% (with degradation)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Min. Horizontal Curve Radius</td>
<td>Side line track 50 m (164 ft)</td>
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<td>Main line track</td>
<td>300 km</td>
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<td>Min. Vertical Curve Radius</td>
<td>1000 m</td>
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<td>Max. Super Elevation Angle</td>
<td>8°</td>
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<tr>
<td>Passenger Capacity for Two-Car</td>
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<td>Train Seated</td>
<td>197</td>
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<td>Standing</td>
<td>197</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>197</td>
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<td>Temperature</td>
<td>10°C to 40°C (50°F to 104°F)</td>
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<td>Max. Wind Velocity</td>
<td>50 km/h (30 mph)</td>
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<td>Structure</td>
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II. Vehicle Configuration

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<td>(1) Vehicle Type</td>
<td>CO 200a</td>
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<td>(2) Train Formation</td>
<td>Two Cars</td>
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<td>Vehicle Dimensions</td>
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<tr>
<td>(1) Car Body Length</td>
<td>24.3 m</td>
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<tr>
<td>(2) Width</td>
<td>3.2 m</td>
</tr>
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<td>(3) Height</td>
<td>3.4 m</td>
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<td>(4) Rail Gauge</td>
<td>1.7 m (5' 7'')</td>
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<td>Vehicle Weight</td>
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<tr>
<td>(1) Empty</td>
<td>25,300 kg/car</td>
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<td>41,600 kg/car</td>
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<td>Car Body Structure</td>
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<td>(1) Material</td>
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<td>(2) Construction</td>
<td>Semi-monocoque</td>
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III. Levitation and Guidance System

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<td>(1) Magnet</td>
<td>Ferro-magnet for levitation and guidance (electromagnets)</td>
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<td>(2) Levitation Gap</td>
<td>6 mm (0.24&quot;) mechanical gap</td>
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<td>8 mm (0.32&quot;) magnetic gap</td>
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## CDOT System Characteristics

### IV. Propulsion System

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<th>(1) LIM (Linear Induction Motor)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Quantity</td>
<td>10 LIMs per car</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Length</td>
<td>1,800 mm (5'11&quot;) per one LIM</td>
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<tr>
<td>Secondary</td>
<td>Reaction plate (Aluminum plate on rail)</td>
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<th>(2) Power Supply</th>
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<td>Inverter Type</td>
<td>VVVF</td>
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### V. Suspension System

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<th>(1) Suspension Module</th>
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<td>10 flexible pair-modules per car (Module: levitation bogie trucks)</td>
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<th>(2) Module Frame</th>
<th></th>
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<tr>
<td>Aluminum alloy</td>
<td></td>
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<th>(3) Secondary Suspension</th>
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<tr>
<td>Air suspension</td>
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### VI. Brake System

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<tr>
<th>(1) Service Brake</th>
<th>Combination of LIM brake (regenerative or reverse phase) and hydraulic brake (mechanical friction brake)</th>
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<tr>
<th>(2) Emergency brake</th>
<th>Hydraulic brake</th>
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| (3) Parking Brake | Skids (levitation cut off) |
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Dr. James Powell
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Overview of the Maglev 2000 System

- Extremely safe and reliable system.
- Much lower in cost than existing systems
- Adaptable to existing infrastructure
- Provides common system for Urban/Suburban and High speed Intercity transport with numerous convenient stations
- Construct and test full-size Maglev 2000 components to verify performance and costs
Levitation of Maglev 2000 Vehicle

- Vehicle SC magnets induce currents in aluminum guideway loops for automatic levitation with 4-inch gap:
- Levitated vehicle is inherently and strongly stable, vertically and horizontally
- Maglev 2000 quadrupole SC magnets let vehicles travel on narrow beam and planar guideways & electronically switch

View of Levitated Maglev 2000 Vehicle
Propulsion of Maglev 2000 Vehicle

- Vehicles magnetically propelled and braked by LSM AC current in aluminum guideway loops
- Vehicle speed automatically controlled by AC frequency – not changed by winds, grades, etc.
- Vehicles can accelerate/decelerate like autos – energy use per passenger equals 500 mpg
Stability of Maglev 2000 Vehicles

- Vehicles inherently stable both vertically and horizontally against any external force
- Vehicles also stable against pitch, roll, and yaw
- Active control system not needed for stability
Safety of Maglev 2000 System

• Loss of stable inherent levitation not possible – Vehicles have many (12 to 16) independent & redundant magnets
• Headway between vehicles controlled by LSM not affected by head or tail winds, up or down grades, etc. – collisions essentially impossible
• Vehicles on elevated beam & pier guideways are isolated from any interference

Communications and Control

• Location & Speed of vehicles transmitted to central facility in real time using 2 independent systems
  – Vehicless sense “signposts” along guideway
• Central facility controls speed and location of individual vehicles on guideway and take vehicles off-line if repairs needed
Key Maglev 2000 Innovations

1. Quadrupole superconducting magnets enables travel on narrow beam & planar guideways and very low magnetic fringe fields
2. Mass produced, prefabricated enables a low cost rapidly erected guideway
3. Electronic high speed switch to off-line stations at high speeds
4. Truck transport capability (3000 T = 150,000 P)
5. Use of existing railroad tracks for MERRI maglev service

View of Maglev 2000 MERRI System
Maglev 2000 Technology Accomplishments

- Fabricated full-scale reinforced concrete box beam for narrow beam guideway systems:
  - 72-feet long, can carry 80,000 # vehicle, calculated center deflection of 1/4 inch
  - Truck transportable (New Jersey to Florida)
  - $42,000 FOAK cost; $25,000 projected cost/beam for large scale production (3.6 Million dollars per 2-way mile)
• Fabricated full-scale guideway loop assemblies:
  – 9-foot long assembly contained levitation, horizontal stability, and LSM propulsion multi-turn aluminum conductor loops
  – Electrical insulation and current capability verified
  – Assemblies were encapsulated in polymer concrete panels and exposed long term outdoor environment without problems

Guideway Loop Assembly
• Fabricated 4 full-scale superconducting quadrupole magnets and cryostats:
  – Used Nbti superconductor cooled with liquid helium
  – Verified current capability of 600 kilo amp turns and structural soundness
  – Verified magnet levitation & horizontal stability calculations using energized SC magnet and powered guideway loop

SC Magnet Photo
Maglev 2000 Approach to Estimating System Costs (A)

- Define major subsystems at 1-digit Level (Guideway, vehicle, O&M, etc.)
- Break down major subsystems into components at 2-digit level (e.g., guideway components are beams, piers footings, erection, etc.)
- Break down components into fabrication steps (3-digit level):
  - Project cost for each fabrication step on known material prices, labor time, etc. or best estimate
  - Aggregate costs into total cost for component (2-digit level)
- Aggregate component costs in total cost of major subsystem (1-digit level)
### Summary of Guideway Costs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Two Digit Account Category</th>
<th>20 Metric Ton Vehicle</th>
<th>40 Metric Ton Vehicle</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.1 Guideway Beams</td>
<td>3.60</td>
<td>4.48</td>
</tr>
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<td>1.2 Loop Panels</td>
<td>3.25</td>
<td>3.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.3 Footings and Piers</td>
<td>1.11</td>
<td>1.11</td>
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<td>1.4 Erect Piers</td>
<td>0.84</td>
<td>0.84</td>
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<td>1.5 Power Management and Distribution (PMAD)</td>
<td>1.42</td>
<td>1.42</td>
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<td>1.6 Safety Systems</td>
<td>0.16</td>
<td>0.16</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.7 Communication and Control Systems</td>
<td>0.11</td>
<td>0.11</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>10.49</strong></td>
<td><strong>11.37</strong></td>
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**Cost per passenger mile (100% capacity factor):**

- 20-Metric Ton Vehicle: $0.05
- 40-Metric Ton Vehicle: $0.03

### M2000 O&M Costs Per Vehicle and Passenger Mile

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>2-Digit Account Category</th>
<th>20 Metric Ton Vehicle @ 60 MPH</th>
<th>40 Metric Ton Vehicle @ 100 mph</th>
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<tr>
<td>Operating personnel</td>
<td>$0.55</td>
<td>$0.33</td>
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<tr>
<td>Energy</td>
<td>0.40</td>
<td>0.36</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maintenance personnel</td>
<td>2.02</td>
<td>2.29</td>
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<tr>
<td>Materials &amp; Equipment Total</td>
<td>$2.97</td>
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<td>Cost per passenger mile</td>
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### Attachment 3: System Characteristics Data Sheet

#### I. Operational Characteristics

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<tr>
<td>Max. Initial Acceleration</td>
<td>0.2G // 0.2G</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Max. Deceleration</td>
<td>0.2G // 0.2G</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Service Brake</td>
<td>0.2G // 0.2G</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emergency Brake</td>
<td>0.4G // 0.4G</td>
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<tr>
<td>Max. Gradient</td>
<td>15 Degrees // 15 Degrees</td>
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<tr>
<td>Min. Horizontal Curve Radius</td>
<td>1000 feet // 2000 feet (Low Speed)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Min. Vertical Curve Radius</td>
<td>1000 feet // 2000 feet (Low Speed)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Max. Super Elevation Angle</td>
<td>10 Degrees // 10 Degrees</td>
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<tr>
<td>Passenger Capacity for One-Car Train</td>
<td>Seated 50//100 Standing 0//0 Total 50//100</td>
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<tr>
<td>Temperature</td>
<td>-40°C to +40°C // -40°C to +40°C</td>
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<td>Max. Wind Velocity (operational)</td>
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#### II. Vehicle Configuration

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<td>Train Type and Formation</td>
<td>Magnetically Levitated and Propelled Vehicles can operate individually or coupled together</td>
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<td>Vehicle Dimensions</td>
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<tr>
<td>(1) Car Body Length</td>
<td>(1) 66 feet // 100 feet</td>
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<td>(2) Width</td>
<td>(2) 11 feet // 11 feet</td>
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<td>(3) Height</td>
<td>(3) 10 feet // 10 feet</td>
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<td>(4) Rail Gauge</td>
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<td>Vehicle Weight</td>
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<td>(1) Empty</td>
<td>(1) 43,000 lbs // 48,000 lbs</td>
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<td>(2) 75% Loaded (AW2)</td>
<td>(2) 52,000 lbs // 68,000 lbs</td>
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<td>Car Body Structure</td>
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<td>(1) Material</td>
<td>Aluminum Undercarriage with attached fuselage</td>
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<td>(2) Construction</td>
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<td>III. Levitation and Guidance System</td>
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<tr>
<td>(1) Magnet</td>
<td>(1) Superconducting</td>
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<td>(2) Levitation Gap</td>
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<td>(1) Suspension</td>
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Achievements

- Full size prototype guideway beam fabricated at acceptable cost—design is practical
- Full size prototype aluminum guideway loops fabricated and encapsulated in polymer concrete at acceptable cost—design is practical
- 4 full-size prototype SC quadrupole magnets and cryostats were fabricated—design is practical
- Full size vehicle aluminum undercarriage and wooden fuselage were fabricated
Achievements

- 2 full-size SC Magnets were successfully operated.
- Force measurements between SC magnets and powered guideway loops agreed with 3D computer predictions.
- Guideway loop tests demonstrated electrical and weather operability (2-year outside exposure).
- Fabrication of full size prototype Maglev 2000 components has validated projected ~ 15 million dollars per 2-way mile.

Achievements

- Fabrication of full size prototype Maglev 2000 technology enables seamless system for urban, urban/suburban, and intercity service.
- Large clearance, heavy lift, inherently levitated, highly stable Maglev 2000 system is practical.
Lessons Learned

- Levitation test of front end of Florida vehicle postponed due to magnet damage in transit. Small air leak into cryostat prevented reaching SC state. As a result, more robust cooling system designed and fabricated.

- New cryocoolers enable much simpler cryostat plumbing and refrigeration for thermal shields – second set of 2 SC magnets has been redesigned to use cryocoolers.

Lessons Learned

- New high temperature SC are becoming available at acceptable cost – eliminates liquid helium cooling and enables much simpler and cheaper magnet.
- Levitation demonstration of Florida vehicle prevented by unexpected de-obligation of State funding for program
- Maglev 2000 development presently being self-funded
- Seeking new funding sources, private and/or public, seems to be difficult in the present climate in the U.S.
Future Plans

- New funding sources will enable
  - Levitation demonstration of full vehicle at zero speed
  - Fabrication of Maglev 2000 magnets using high temperature superconductor

- Maglev 2000 is currently seeking additional funding for facility for vehicle running tests – first step is 1-mile guideway
MUSA Maglev Project

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Earthtech
MUSA Maglev Project

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Earthtech

An Application of the Chubu-HSST Maglev System
FTA Urban Maglev Transit Technology Development Program

Objective
- To develop a cost effective, reliable and environmentally sound transit option for urban mass transit

Chubu HSST System
- Tested and Ready for Commercial Use

MUSA’s Project Objectives
- Investigate the Adaptability of Japanese Low Speed Maglev Technology for a US application
- Comparison of Technical Specifications and Performance Criteria
- Modification and Recommendations to Meet American Standards
- Commercialization Plan
Chubu HSST Development Corporation

- 1972: High Speed Access to Airport
- 1978: HSST-01, 307.8 km/hr (190 mph)
- 1985-1989: Demonstration at Expos
- 1991: Nagoya Test Track
- 1993: Ministry of Transport
- 2005: Tobu Kyuryo Line in Aichi Prefecture

1991: Nagoya Test Track

Figure 4  HSST-100 Test Track

- Total Length 1.5 km
- Minimum Radius 100 m
- Maximum Grade 7%
- 1 - Guideway Switch
HSST-100L
Chubu-HSST MAGLEV
How Does it Work?
Advantages of the Low Speed Maglev System

- Route Adaptable
  7% Grades with No Power Loss
- Environmentally Friendly
  Reduced Noise and Vibration
  No Emissions
- Economically Competitive
  Construction Cost
  Maintenance Cost
# Vehicle Performance

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<th>Performance Parameter</th>
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<td>2.5 mph/sec (4.0 km/h/sec)</td>
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<td>Maximum Deceleration</td>
<td>2.5 mph/sec (4.0 km/h/sec)</td>
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<td>Emergency Deceleration</td>
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<tr>
<td>Minimum Curve Radius (Horizontal)</td>
<td>250 ft (75 m)</td>
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<td>Minimum Curve Radius (Vertical)</td>
<td>6,000 ft (1,500 m)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum Gradient</td>
<td>7 %</td>
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<td>Maximum Superelevation</td>
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# Vehicle Sub-Systems

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<td>Car Body Structure</td>
<td>Aluminum Alloy</td>
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<td>“Module” System</td>
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<td>EMS</td>
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<td>(Electro-Magnetic Suspension)</td>
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<td>LIM</td>
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<td>VVVF Inverter (IGBT)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Braking</td>
<td>Electrical Brake (as primary)</td>
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<td>Hydraulic Brake (as back up)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Train Control</td>
<td>ATC</td>
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<td>Operation</td>
<td>ATO</td>
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Guideway Cross Section

Typical Elevated Section

Tunnel Section
LIMITING FACTORS TO CURVE RADII

- Horizontal Curve Radii
  - Lateral module linkages
  - Clearance between mechanical brakes and rail
  - Construction tolerances to which reaction rail installed and maintained

- Vertical Curve Radii
  - Vehicle length
  - LIM module length
  - Speed of train through curve

SWITCH DESIGN

- Current CHSST Design
  - Segmented Switch
  - Crossover/Scissors Switch

- Alternative Switch Design
  - Beam Replacement Switch
POTENTIAL GUIDEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

- Rail Fixation Method
- Foundation Design
- Design and Construction Approach
- Efficiency of Construction
- Fabrication and Construction Tolerances
- Vehicle Weight
- Value Design

UPCOMING OPERATING SYSTEM
Tobu Kyuryo Line

City of NAGOYA, Aichi Prefecture
**Linimo Route Plan**

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<th>Details</th>
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<td>Route Length</td>
<td>5.6 mile (Double track)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(From Fujigaoka to Yakusa)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Guideway Type</td>
<td>Tunnel: 1 mile, Elevated: 4.6 mile</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of Trains</td>
<td>8+1 trains (3 car train)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Train Capacity</td>
<td>402 pass/train, 1.5 ft²/pass</td>
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<td>Number of Stations</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>Trip Time (One way)</td>
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<td>Headway</td>
<td>6 min. peak, 10 min. off pk</td>
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<td>Demand</td>
<td>30,000 passengers/day</td>
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<td>Peak Demand</td>
<td>3,500 passenger/hour/way</td>
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Commercialization Plan

North Bethesda Transitway Corridor

Based on the Final North Bethesda Transit Study

Chapter Dated December 1992
Prepared by Douglas & Douglas
FTA Report No. MD-03-4500
Integration of the Chubu HSST Urban Maglev to link the Montgomery Mall to the WMATA Grosvenor Metrorail Station with two intermediate stations for local employment centers.
From 1992 forecasts of 15,447 passengers per day, 70% are peak am and pm periods or 10,819 total or 5,406 passengers per peak period. Peak period would last 2 hours.

5,406 over 2 hours or 2,700 pphpd. Service level of 4 2-car vehicles would provide 2,900 pphpd at 3.3 minutes headway. A fleet of 5 2-car vehicles.

Passengers per 2-car is estimated at 165 passengers total, at 0.3 sqm/standee
Train Operation Estimates

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<th>Station</th>
<th>Length</th>
<th>(Link Speed) Avg. Speed</th>
<th>Link Time) Total Time</th>
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<td>1-2</td>
<td>1,310 ft</td>
<td>18.2 mph</td>
<td>49 sec.</td>
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<td>2-5</td>
<td>1,300 ft</td>
<td>18.3 mph</td>
<td>48 sec.</td>
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<td>3-4</td>
<td>1,430 ft</td>
<td>21.7 mph</td>
<td>45 sec.</td>
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<td>4-5</td>
<td>8,370 ft</td>
<td>34.8 mph</td>
<td>164 sec.</td>
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<td>1-5</td>
<td>12,540 ft</td>
<td>17.5 mph</td>
<td>351 sec. + dwell 6.61 min.</td>
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Total Round Trip 13.23 Min.

Note: Average Dwell Time at Stations 2 & 4 => 20 seconds
Average Dwell Time at Stations 1 & 5 => 30 seconds

Headway Estimates

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<th># of 2-Car Sets</th>
<th>Headway</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>13.23 min.</td>
<td>726</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>6.61 min.</td>
<td>1,453</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>4.40 min.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>3.30 min.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>2.6 min.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>2.2 min.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>1.89 min.</td>
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Estimated cost, direct and indirect

$142,408,339 for 2.4 miles, as outlined in the MUSA Report FTA-MD-26-7029-03.8

$51,550,411 per mile

Chubu-HSST System: What’s Still Needs To Be Done

- Adaptation of Needed Changes to Meet U.S. Requirements
- Provide a Revenue Generating Environment (U.S. End User!)
- Verification of Capital and Operating Cost Estimates
- Analysis of Tobu Kuyro operation!
The 1st Commercial Application of HSST for FTA Urban Maglev Workshop

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Tobu Kyuryo Line [Lrimo]

Linimo Route Location
**Linimo Route Outline**

- Fujigaoka
- Yagusa
- Depot

**Linimo Route Plan**

- **Route Length:** 5.6 mile (Double track)
- **Tunnel Section:** 1.0 mile
- **Elevated Section:** 4.6 mile
- **Number of Station:** 9
- **Demand:** 30,000 passengers/day
- **Peak Demand:** 3,500 passenger/hour/way
Linimo System Outline

- **Trip Time (One way):** Approximately 15 min.
- **Maximum Operating Speed:** 65 mile/h
- **Number of Trains:** 8+1 trains (3 car train)
- **Train Capacity:**
  - 402 persons/train (1.5 ft²/person)
  - 244 persons/train (3.2 ft²/person)
- **Headway:**
  - 6 min. in peak time
  - 10 min. in off peak time
- **Operation:** Driverless with ATO
- **Trolley rail voltage:** 1,500 VDC

Linimo Vehicle

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<tr>
<th>No. of Seats</th>
<th>Mc</th>
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<td>2+2</td>
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<td>47</td>
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<td>Capacity (3.2 ft²/person)</td>
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<td>Capacity (1.5 ft²/person)</td>
<td>134</td>
<td>134</td>
<td>402</td>
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Cabin & Driver’s Console--Linimo

Driver’s Console

Cabin

Linimo -- Train Depot

Area of Train Depot ; 415,500 ft²

Plan View of Train Depot
Linimo Operational Experience

TKL Operational Experience

Total Passengers (2005/3/6 ~ 2005/8/31) : More than 16.5 million persons
Korean Maglev
FTA Low Speed Urban Maglev Workshop

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Urban Maglev Workshop

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Development Status of Korean Maglev System

Urban Transit Type – 110 km/h level

- **Development of basic technology**
  - '85, Start of development of Maglev system
  - '85 ~ '90, Development of main components and equipment.

- **Development of complete vehicle**
  - '91 ~ '93, the Maglev system(HML-03) for service operation at Daejeon EXPO'93
  - '94 ~ '02, the Urban Transit Maglev(UTM-01) system and test track(1.3km) by the national R&D project

- **Development of commercial model**
  - '03 ~ '06, the Commercial Model Maglev system and Signaling system(ATP/ATO), supported by the government

Main component (Electro-Magnet)
Exposition Model (HML-03)
Urban Transit Model (UTM-01)
Commercial Model (in progress)
Technical Principles of Korean Maglev

- Levitation and Guidance
  Controlled Electro-magnets (U-shaped)
  Attracted to U-shaped track-sided rails
  Combined Levitation and Guidance by same set of Magnets

- Electrical propulsion
  Single-sided asynchronous Linear motors,
  Supplied by VVVF Inverters (IGBT Technology)

Expo ’93 Model

- Service operation for the EXPO’93, Daejeon
- Result of public operation during the EXPO’93
  - Operating period : 93 days
  - Running distance : 3,010 km
  - Boarding : 120 thousand passengers
- Donated to the government after the EXPO’93 exhibition
Urban Transit Model

- Supporter:
  the Ministry of Science & Technology of Korean Government (MOST)

- Development Period:

- Running Distance: 35,000km (July, 2005)

Test Track for Maglev Development

- Track layout (located in KIMM)

- Specifications:
  - Track length: 1.3 km
  - Min. curve radius: 60 m
  - Max. gradient: 6 %
  - Switching type: Sliding
Next Steps

Vehicle of the MOCIE Project

(Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy)

Specification:

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<td>Train Formation</td>
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<td>Vehicle Dimensions</td>
<td>13.5 m (L) x 2.85 m (W) x 3.50 m (H)</td>
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<td>Vehicle Weight</td>
<td>Laden : 28.5 t</td>
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<tr>
<td>Passenger capacity</td>
<td>100 Persons / car</td>
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<tr>
<td>Max. Design Speed</td>
<td>110 km/h</td>
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<td>Supply Voltage</td>
<td>1,500 VDC</td>
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Commercial Model

- Operating Start: April, 2007 ~
- Objective: Commercial Application as a driverless system
- Key development items:
  - 2 vehicles with high performance
  - Signaling (ATP/ATO) system
  - Track / Power Supply

The interior has been designed to concentrate upon the urban commuters' convenience and safety. Whole interior fittings such as panel, floor and seats are made of non-combustible material complies with international fire and safety standards.
Route Layout for Commercial Operation

(EXPO park ~ Science Museum in Daejeon)

Route Length: 1 km
Station Number: 2

Project Schedule for Commercial Model

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<td>Operating Test</td>
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Remarks:
- V: vehicle
- C: civil
- E: E&M works
- T: testing
- S: operations
- D: design
- M: manufacturing
- P: power supply
### Domestic Projects

- Korean Government announced in Dec. 2004 to commercialize Maglev in Korea
- National Project pursued and funded by Korean Government with construction cost amounting up to US$ 450 millions
- Competition between Regional authorities of Kyungnam province, Daejeon city, Incheon, Gwangju. Kyungnam Province schedule : Completion in 2007

### Maglev Project for Jakarta

- **Requirement**
  - Ridership: 10,000 ~ 30,000 pphpd
  - Routing: 2 Lines, Route Length 14.3 km / 13.5 km
  - No. of Stations: 28 (Both Lines)
  - Track: Elevated, Typical Span Width 30 m
  - Schedule: Track Construction to be finished at the end of 2006, Delivery of the 1st Trainset : Beginning of 2007
## Summary of System Characteristics for Commercialization

### I. Operational Characteristics

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<td>710 km/h</td>
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<td>Max. Initial Acceleration</td>
<td>1.0 at</td>
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<tr>
<td>Max. Deceleration</td>
<td>1.25 at</td>
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<tr>
<td>Max. Gradient</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Min. Horizontal Curve Radius</td>
<td>60 m</td>
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<tr>
<td>Min. Vertical Curve Radius</td>
<td>800 m</td>
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<td>Passenger Capacity for One-car Train</td>
<td>100 persons</td>
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<tr>
<td>Standing</td>
<td>67 persons</td>
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<td>Seated</td>
<td>33 persons</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>100 persons</td>
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<td>Temperature</td>
<td>-25 °C ~ 40 °C</td>
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<td>Max. Wind Velocity (Operational)</td>
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### II. Vehicle Configuration

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<td>Train Formation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vehicle Dimension</td>
<td>Carbody Length 13,500 mm</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Width 2,850 mm</td>
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<td>Height 3,530 mm (above the rail)</td>
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<td>Rail Gauge 2,000 mm</td>
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### II. Vehicle Configuration (Continued)

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<td>Tare</td>
<td>27.5 ton</td>
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<td>Carbody Structure</td>
<td>Aluminum Extrusion and Plate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>Fabricated by welding</td>
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<td>III. Levitation and Guidance System</td>
<td>Electro Magnets, providing combined Levitation &amp; Guidance</td>
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<td>Levitation Gap</td>
<td>10 mm</td>
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<td>IV. Propulsion System</td>
<td>Single-sided Asynchronous Linear Induction Motor</td>
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<td>Type of Propulsion Motor</td>
<td>VVVF Inverter (IGBT Technology)</td>
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<td>Parking Brake</td>
<td>Spring / Friction Brake</td>
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Frequently Asked Questions

- **Magnetic field inside car**
  The level of the stray Magnetic field caused by the levitation system is low and does not reach the passenger compartment (Proven by measurements, pacemaker tested).

- **Power Failure Effects**
  If power supply fails, then electrical back-up system takes over for 10 minutes. Finally, vehicle will be supported by landing wheels.

- **Energy Consumption for Levitation & Guidance System**
  Typically the power needed to operate the electro magnets is around 1kW/t, means a 30t heavy car requires 30kW (A house hold iron needs approx. 1kW). But max. power needed for propulsion is around 20 times higher.

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Frequently Asked Questions

- **Investment Costs**
  An answer by number cannot be given in general. Investment costs depend significantly on the specifications of each project, such as
  - Costs for Land Acquisition
  - Route Alignment, No. of Stations, Ridership
  - Topography, Ground Quality
  - Necessity for Earthquake Proven Track Design
  - Local Labor Costs
  - Localization Requirements
  - Financing Costs, Insurance
Old Dominion University Maglev Efforts: Progress and Goals

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ODU Maglev Objectives

- Acquire A Functional Transportation System For Old Dominion University
- Establish Old Dominion University As Research University In Maglev Technology
- Establish Maglev Systems As Economical and Practical for Public Transportation
ODU Maglev People Mover Project

ODU Maglev Funding and Partners

- **Participants**
  - American Maglev Transportation Inc.
  - Dominion Resources
  - Lockheed Martin
  - Commonwealth of Virginia

- **Initial Project funding: VA State Loan to AMT**
  - $21-million overall estimated project cost
  - Initial Private-State participation @ $14M
    - $7M loan from Commonwealth to AMT
    - $7M Million in-kind matching (primarily LMCO and Dominion)

- **Old Dominion University initially acted as the host for the project**

- **2004: $2M Congressional Earmark to ODU, administered by FRA - “Demonstrable Engineering Prototype”**
**Views of the ODU Maglev**

- **Project Purpose:** A matter of perspective
  - University:
    - Student Transportation System
    - Recognition
    - Research
  - Partners
    - Demonstration Project

**Technical Project Status - Fall 2002**

- Guideway Construction Completed
- Station Designs Approved
- Station Construction Started
- Vehicle “Ground” Tested in Florida
- Vehicle Delivered to ODU / Mounted on Guideway
- About 1000ft of Laminated Track Installed
- Vehicle and Guideway Testing Started
- November: “Save the Maglev Meeting”
Like a Flexible Inverted Pendulum?

- Single vehicle, 45 ft long, 100 passenger standing capacity
- Size similar to Orlando Airport People Mover
- Maximum speed 40 mph, 3400 foot track
- Elevated guideway, 80-90 foot Pre-stressed Concrete Spans
- Potential of 100 to 150 mph on longer track (undocumented)
- Direct route along “46th” street, 3 stops
- EMS (Attractive) Levitation – 1cm Gap
- Linear Induction Motors
- Empty weight: ~25,000 lbs
Design Concept of the ODU Maglev

- Magnetic Bogie Concept
- EML Levitation “Short Stator” LIMs
- 12 Lift Magnets – 6 Per Bogie
- No Dedicated “Guidance” Magnets
- Regenerative Braking Maintains Levitation in the Event of Power Outage
- Low Cost Guideway, Laminated Steel Track
- Initial Controller Design Centralized

System Issues

- Lack of Lev-Control Stability Robustness
  - Guideway Flexibility
  - Stability Varied with Location on Track
  - No Secondary Suspension
  - Centralized Control Possibly not Suited to Vehicle
- Ride Quality
  - Acceleration levels not comfortable to passengers
AutoCAD: “Complete” Frame

Magnet and Rail
FEM Vehicle Modes: Free Floating

Rocking: 10.13 Hz
Twist: 11.36 Hz

Finite Element: Guideway

Vertical Bending: 2.07 Hz
Horizontal Bending: 3.2 Hz

Guideway: Prestressed Concrete w/ Rubber Pads
Track (steel) also analyzed separately: 70 Hz
Model Variation With Vehicle Position

Vehicle in different positions, Bode plots for the same magnet

Decentralized Design Example

Positive Feedback, Lead Compensators
1 DOF Levitation Test Rig

Test Rig Structural Model
Test Rig Model Verification

- Frequency [Hz]
- Magnitude [dB]

Analytical, gap=0.4
Experiment, gap=0.4
Analytical, gap=0.55
Experiment, gap=0.55
Analytical, gap=0.7
Experiment, gap=0.7

Magnet Testing

0.7 Inch Gap
0.4 Inch Gap
Flux Sensing

Flux Sensor Output vs I, g

\[ y = 0.2245x - 0.0241 \]

\[ y = 0.3361x - 0.0444 \]

-1 0 1 2 3 4 5

0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16

Amps

Output (V)

7/16 inch gap

0.25 inch gap

Hall Effect Sensors Inserted

Split Backplane

Gap Feedback: 12dB DC Gain Variation

(rigid case shown)

Test Bogie

- 6 Lift Magnets
- Gramme LIMS
- About 3000 lbs (as shown)
- 3800 lbf Thrust
Summary: DEP Technical Objectives

Do the best we can with current configuration.

- **1 DOF Test Rig**
  - Stable Levitation Using Decentralized Approach
  - Noise Reduction
  - Validate Models, Evaluate Flux Feedback

- **Test Bogie**
  - Multi-Magnet Laboratory Demonstration of Decentralized Control w/ Flux Feedback

- **Vehicle**
  - Levitate and Propel on Guideway
Our Future?

- Depends on DEP Results / Disposition of University Administration
- Development Partnerships Possible
- What We Have to Offer:
  - Laboratory
  - 3400ft Guideway
  - 1000ft Usable Laminated, 160 ft Solid Track
  - 1 MWatt DC Power Supply
  - Full Scale Test Bogie
  - Full Scale Vehicle (fixer upper special)
Summary, Lessons Learned and Benefits to the Transit Industry

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Summary – General Atomics

Status: On-going

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   • Electro Dynamic Suspension (EDS)
   • Permanent magnets on vehicle in a Hallbach arrangement
   • Propulsion by Linear Synchronous Motor
   • Levitation by electrodynamic principle, i.e. moving vehicle magnets interacting with Litz wire track to get lift
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Accomplishments to Date

- Laboratory demonstration of levitation using rotating wheel
- Built 120m long track at San Diego with a Linear Synchronous Motor
- Built one vehicle chassis with levitation magnets and propulsion coils
- Carried out a limited demonstration of propulsion and levitation
Summary – General Atomics

- Contractor Estimated Cost of the System: $35M/two way mile
- System Deployment Readiness: Under evaluation. More testing planned to demonstrate vehicle dynamic control and stability. California University in Pennsylvania (CUP) is the proposed deployment site.
- System Attributes: Large levitation gap

Figure 1. Vehicle on guideway (conceptual)  
Figure 2. Cross-section of maglev guideway magnet system
Summary – MagneMotion

Status: Final Reports Completed

- Operational Principle
  - Electro Magnetic Suspension
  - Levitation by attraction of vehicle electromagnets and permanent magnets to the steel guideway. Gap control by electromagnets
  - Propulsion by Linear Synchronous Motor

- Accomplishments to Date
  - 1/7 scale successful laboratory demonstration of levitation, propulsion and gap control

Contractor Estimated Cost of the System: $19.2M/two way mile

System Deployment Readiness: Not ready. Requires demonstration at full speed on full scale guideway. Deployment site to be finalized

System Attributes:
- Small vehicles (bus size) that can operate at small headways (< 30 sec)
- Large levitation gap
- Good levitation gap control
Summary – MagneMotion

Figure 3. Cutaway views of preliminary vehicle design (conceptual)
Figure 4. Photograph of the low speed prototype showing vehicle, guideway, and propulsion coils (laboratory demonstration)

Summary – Maglev 2000

Status: Final Report Under Completion

- Operational Principle
  - Electro Dynamic Suspension
  - Levitation is due to moving vehicle superconducting magnets that provide lift interacting with guideway coils
  - Propulsion by Linear Synchronous Motors

- Accomplishments to Date
  - Partial fabrication of a superconducting magnet in the laboratory for a levitation demonstration
Summary – Maglev 2000

- Contractor Estimated Cost of the System: $11-37M/two way mile
- System Deployment Readiness: No. The system needs laboratory demonstration.
- System Attributes: Application of superconducting magnet

Figure 6. Maglev 2000 117 foot vehicle (conceptual)

Figure 7. Maglev 2000 vehicle internal layout

Figure 8. Arrangement of multiple quadrupole magnets on Maglev 2000 vehicle
Summary – MUSA

Status: Final Report Completed

- Operational Principle
  - Electro Magnetic Suspension
  - Levitation by attraction between vehicle electromagnets and the steel rails on the guideway
  - Propulsion by Linear Induction Motor

- Accomplishments to Date
  - Evaluated and adapted CHSST system
  - No laboratory or field demonstrations in the U.S.

- Contractor Estimated Cost of the System: Over $100M/two way mile in the U.S.

- System Deployment Readiness: Yes.
  - Maximum speed is limited to 60 mph
  - Requires CHSST involvement
  - Deployment site not finalized

- System Attributes
  - Only system available for low speed urban applications
  - Technology has been proven and very matured
  - Deployment history in Japan
Summary – MUSA

Operational Principle

- Electro Magnetic Suspension (EMS) as in CHSST
- Propulsion, advanced Linear Induction Motor reacting with aluminum rail
- Levitation as in CHSST using electromagnets attracted to steel rail of the guideway

Accomplishments to Date

- Cost effective guideway concepts
- Advanced Linear Induction Motor concept
Summary – MUSA

- Contractor Estimated Cost of the System: $40M/two way mile
- System Deployment Readiness: No. System requires validation for higher speed (~ 100 mph), higher gradients (10%) and harsh weather conditions. Deployment site is supposed to be along I-70 corridor
- System Attributes
  - Higher speed (100 mph) than CHSST
  - Specifically designed for Colorado winter conditions

Figure 11. Precast concrete U-girder (conceptual)

Figure 12. Proposed U-girder for Colorado